

New law provides for the creation by the Board of Regents in cooperation with the Dept. of Health and Hospitals and the Dept. of Environmental Quality of the Environmental Health Surveillance System, to be established in accordance with the recommendations of a group of technical experts in epidemiology, public health, and environmental health specialists, appointed by the DHH and the DEQ.

New law provides that the purpose of the EHSS is to research and track disease trends and to establish ongoing surveillance of environmental factors, including physical, chemical, biological, and social factors that affect people of this state.

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(Adds R.S. 40:1300.171 and 1300.172)