
DIGEST

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HB No. 1198

Abstract: Transfers each program currently operated by the Dept. of Social Services (DSS), office of Louisiana Rehabilitation Services to the Dept. of Health and Hospitals (DHH) or the Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC).

Present law provides that DSS shall operate and maintain the following services and programs which are currently being operated by the office of Louisiana Rehabilitation Services:

- (1) Blind Services
- (2) State personal assistance services program
- (3) Louisiana Commission for the Deaf
- (4) Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund Program
- (5) Vocational Rehabilitation Program
- (6) Independent Living Part B Program
- (7) Independent Living for Older Blind Program
- (8) Community and Family Support Program

Proposed law transfers the following programs and services from DSS to the LWC:

- (1) Vocational Rehabilitation Program
- (2) Blind Services and the Blind Vendors Trust Fund
- (3) Independent Living Part B Program
- (4) Independent Living for Older Blind Program

Proposed law transfers the following programs and services from DSS to DHH:

- (1) Louisiana Commission for the Deaf

- (2) Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund Program
- (3) State personal assistance services program
- (4) Community and Family Support Program

Proposed law transfers each program operated by the office of Louisiana Rehabilitation Services to either DHH or the Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC).

Proposed law makes necessary technical corrections for the programs and services being transferred.

Proposed law provides that the administrative rules contained in the Louisiana Administrative Code promulgated by DSS which govern or are applicable to the programs and operations transferred from DSS to the LWC or DHH shall continue to be effective and the office of state register shall change all applicable references to DSS to the LWC and redesignate and renumber all applicable provisions as is necessary to maintain continuity in the Louisiana Administrative Code.

Proposed law provides that all monies held in the state treasury for the Blind Vendors Trust Fund on the effective date of proposed law, shall upon that date, be transferred to LWC.

Proposed law provides that all monies held in the state treasury for the Louisiana Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund on the effective date of this Act shall, upon that date, be transferred to DHH.

Proposed law provides that all DSS contracts for the programs and activities transferred to the LWC shall be deemed to have been transferred and assigned to the LWC upon the effective date of proposed law without the necessity of contractual amendment, and the LWC shall be solely responsible for all related obligations and liabilities arising on or after that date.

Proposed law provides that all DSS contracts related to the operation and administration of the programs transferred to DHH shall be deemed to have been transferred and assigned to DHH upon the effective date of proposed law without the necessity of contractual amendment, and DHH shall be solely responsible for all related obligations and liabilities arising on or after that effective date.

Effective July 1, 2010.

(Amends R.S. 17:1518.1(J) and 1519.5(C), R.S. 23:1(A) and 17(A), R.S. 28:821(C), 824(I), (J)(1)(b), (K), and (L), R.S. 36:258(F), 301(B), 308(B), 471(B) and 478, R.S. 38:2261(C) and (D), R.S. 39:1554(D)(1)(d) and 1595.4(B), (C), and (D), R.S. 40:1300.14(B)(13), R.S. 46:51(2) and (10), 2116.1(1), (2), and (4), 2116.2(A), 2351(A)(intro. para.), 2353, 2632(2), 2633(C) and (E), 2634(A) and (B)(1) and 2635(B), R.S. 47:305.15(A) and 360(A), R.S. 48:307(B)(2) and (3); Adds R.S. 23:1(B)(6) and R.S. 23:3001-3061, R.S. 36:259(K) and (N), and 309(E); Repeals R.S.

36:474(F), R.S. 46:331-373, R.S. 46:2101-2106, and R.S. 46:2651-2655))