

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

HB 260

2015 Regular Session

Alfred Williams

June 10, 2015

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 260 by Representative Alfred Williams, recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

- 1. That the set of Senate Committee Amendments proposed by the Senate Committee on Finance and adopted by the Senate on June 2, 2015, be adopted.
- 2. That the set of Senate Floor Amendments proposed by Senator Morrell and adopted by the Senate on June 5, 2015, be adopted.
- 3. That the following amendments to the Reengrossed bill be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "2018.3(D)(5)" and before the comma "," insert "and (6)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 9, after "2018.3(D)(5)" and before "are hereby" insert "and (6)"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

In Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 proposed by Senator Morrell and adopted by the Senate on June 5, 2015, on page 1, at the end of line 4, insert a quotation mark " " "

AMENDMENT NO. 4

In Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 proposed by Senator Morrell and adopted by the Senate on June 5, 2015, on page 1, delete line 5 in its entirety

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Alfred Williams

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Senator Jack Donahue

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Representative Scott M. Simon

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Senator J.P. Morrell

DIGEST

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**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST**

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**Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House**

HEALTH/SICKLE CELL ANEM: Establishes the Sickle Cell Patient Navigator Program

**Report adopts Senate amendments to:**

1. Delete provisions stipulating that implementation of the program provided for in proposed law shall be subject to appropriation of funds by the legislature therefor; and insert in lieu thereof provisions stipulating that the program shall not be implemented or operational until monies have been appropriated by the legislature sufficient to fully fund the provisions of proposed law.
2. Add applying for grants and donations from any public or private source to implement the provisions of present law and proposed law as an enumerated function of the La. Sickle Cell Commission.

**Report amends the bill to:**

1. Make technical corrections.

**Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee**

Proposed law establishes the Sickle Cell Patient Navigator Program, referred to hereafter as "the program". Provides that the functions of the program shall include, without limitation, all of the following:

- (1) Training of patient navigators to serve as outreach coordinators, coordinators of family educational sessions, and patient case managers.
- (2) Establishing and strengthening a continuum of care for each sickle cell patient served by the program and for the families of those patients.
- (3) Identifying and contacting sickle cell patients, conducting home visits with patients and their family members, and coordinating patient care.
- (4) Facilitating collaboration among healthcare providers that serve sickle cell patients.
- (5) Delivering public health education on sickle cell disease and treatment.

Proposed law provides that the Dept. of Health and Hospitals shall administer the program under the direction of the La. Sickle Cell Commission. Provides that the program shall not be implemented or operational until monies have been appropriated by the legislature sufficient to fully fund the provisions of proposed law.

Present law provides for the functions of the La. Sickle Cell Commission. Proposed law retains present law and adds thereto the following functions:

- (1) Direction of the Sickle Cell Patient Navigator Program established by proposed law.

- (2) Applying for grants and donations from any public or private source to implement the provisions of present law and proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 40:1299.4.3 and 2018.3(D)(5) and (6))