

2016 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 466

BY SENATOR HEWITT

HOSPITALS. Authorizes the legislature to approve the monetization of the assets of the public hospitals operated by the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:1519.2(C), relative to public hospitals administered by the Board of

3 Supervisors of Louisiana State University; to provide for a procedure for the

4 approval by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget and the legislature of

5 changes in the provision of health care at the public hospitals; to provide for an

6 effective date; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:1519.2(C) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §1519.2. State hospitals operated by the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State

10 University and Agricultural and Mechanical College as part of the

11 Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center

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13 C.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, if the

14 legislature determines that a projected deficit exists or there is a reduction in

15 revenues which creates the need to monetize the assets of a hospital, or if an

16 opportunity to improve the health care delivery system of the region in which

17 a hospital resides arises, the legislature may approve the monetization or change

1 to the delivery system by a majority vote of the members of each house of the
2 legislature.

3 (2) Prior to the execution of any contract, memorandum of
4 understanding, cooperative endeavor agreement, or other agreement,
5 hereinafter the agreement, which would result or is expected to result in the
6 monetization of an asset of a hospital or a change in the provision of health care
7 at a hospital, the commissioner of administration shall be informed by the state
8 agency seeking confection of the proposed agreement. When the commissioner
9 determines that the parties are sufficiently far enough along in negotiations that
10 the essential elements of the proposed agreement have been worked out by the
11 parties and can be explained to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget,
12 the commissioner shall instruct the state agency to contact the committee and
13 request that the proposed agreement be placed on the agenda for a meeting of
14 the committee not less than thirty days after the date the state agency provides
15 information regarding the proposed agreement to the committee. The
16 committee shall hold a hearing and consider the agreement at the next regular
17 meeting after the passage of the thirty day period. If the proposed agreement
18 is approved by the committee, the agreement shall be submitted to the
19 legislature for approval by a majority vote of the elected members of each house
20 of the legislature. If the legislature is in session, the approval may be granted
21 by the legislature by concurrent resolution. If the legislature is not in session,
22 approval of the legislature may be obtained in accordance with the procedures
23 provided in R.S. 39:87. No agreement shall be officially confectioned prior to the
24 approval of the committee and the legislature.

25 Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall terminate as of June 30, 2020.

26 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
27 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
28 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
29 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become

