HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 333 2019 Regular Session Connick

PURCHASING/PROCUREMT CD: Creates the State Use Council for the Purchase of Goods and Services Provided by Individuals with Disabilities and institutes "supported employment provider" in laws on public procurement, public contracts, taxation, and work release programs

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Make technical corrections.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

<u>Present law</u> provides for the preference of goods manufactured or services performed by individuals with severe disabilities in state-operated and state-supported sheltered workshops, establishes the exemption from competitive bidding requirements, and provides for certain definitions. <u>Present law</u> further provides for the creation of a council by the La. Department of Health (LDH) whose membership is determined by the secretary of LDH to coordinate and facilitate the provisions of <u>present law</u>, and provides the council with authority to designate and contract with a central nonprofit agency.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> but changes the preference <u>from</u> individuals with severe disabilities <u>to</u> individuals with disabilities through supported employment providers. <u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> for exemptions from the competitive bidding requirement provided the goods and services are equal in quality and reasonable in the rate charged based on goods and services available from other providers.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> but renames the council the "State Use Council for the Purchase of Goods and Services Provided by Individuals with Disabilities" and provides for the council to solicit and evaluate competitive sealed proposals at least every five years to designate and contract with a central nonprofit agency.

<u>Proposed law</u> adds definitions for "individuals with disabilities" and "supported employment provider" and repeals certain definitions. <u>Proposed law</u> provides for "supporting employment provider" to include "sheltered workshops" transitioning into a "supporting employment provider" for fiscal years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.

<u>Present law</u> provides for sheriffs to place inmates in work release programs including in sheltered workshops, and provides for tax credits and exemptions for sheltered workshops.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and adds "supported employment providers" throughout present law.

<u>Present law</u> provides for provisions regarding sheltered industries program for individuals who are blind.

<u>Proposed law</u> repeals <u>present law</u> regarding the sheltered industries program for individuals who are blind and adds individuals who are blind to the definition of "individual with disabilities"

Effective July 1, 2019.

(Amends R.S. 15:711(B) and 1111(B), R.S. 38:2261, R.S. 39:1594(J)(1) and 1604.4, and R.S. 47:34(C)(2)(d)(i), 287.749(C)(2)(d)(i), 302(BB)(95), 305.38, 321(P)(95), 321.1(I)(95), 331(V)(95), and 337.9(D)(17); Repeals R.S. 23:3024 and 3025 and R.S. 39:1554(D)(1)(b))