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HOUSE BILL NO. 266

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BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLARD

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS: Provides relative to the Louisiana Commission on HIV, AIDS, and Hepatitis C Education, Prevention, and Treatment

AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 36:259(B)(34) and R.S. 40:2018.1(A), (B)(1)(i), and (C) through 3 (E) and to repeal R.S. 40:2018.1(G), relative to the Louisiana Commission on HIV, 4 AIDS, and Hepatitis C Education, Prevention, and Treatment; to revise the name of the commission; to provide for the means by which the chairman of the commission 5 6 is selected; to delete references to AIDS within laws pertaining to the commission; 7 to repeal provisions terminating the commission; and to provide for related matters. 8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 9 Section 1. R.S. 36:259(B)(34) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows: 10 §259. Transfer of agencies and functions to Louisiana Department of Health 11 12 B. The following agencies, as defined in R.S. 36:3, are placed within the 13 Louisiana Department of Health and shall perform and exercise their powers, duties, 14 functions, and responsibilities as otherwise provided by law: 15 16 (34) The Louisiana Commission on HIV, AIDS, and Hepatitis C Education, 17 Prevention, and Treatment (R.S. 40:2018.1). 18 19 Section 2. R.S. 40:2018.1(A), (B)(1)(i), and (C) through (E) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows: 20

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CODING: Words in struck through type are deletions from existing law; words <u>underscored</u> are additions.

1	§2018.1. Louisiana Commission on HIV, AIDS, and Hepatitis C Education,
2	Prevention, and Treatment
3	A. The legislature hereby establishes within the office of public health of the
4	Louisiana Department of Health a commission which shall be designated the
5	"Louisiana Commission on HIV, AIDS, and Hepatitis C Education, Prevention, and
6	Treatment". The commission shall be composed of thirty-three members as provided
7	in Subsection B of this Section.
8	B.(1) Twenty members shall serve at the governor's pleasure and shall be
9	appointed by the governor as follows:
10	* * *
11	(i) Three representatives from the Louisiana Department of Health who have
12	knowledge of policies related to HIV, AIDS, and hepatitis C and who work in the
13	office of public health, office of behavioral health, and bureau of health services
14	financing, respectively.
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16	C. The chairman of the commission shall be appointed by the governor and
17	The commission, in open session, shall elect from among its members a chairman,
18	who shall serve as chairman without salary.
19	D. The commission shall hold at least six regular meetings each year at a
20	place designated by the chairman. Any such meeting may be in-person or virtual via
21	electronic means, subject to applicable requirements and limitations of the Open
22	Meetings Law, R.S. 42:11 et seq. The commission members shall be compensated
23	for travel in connection with commission meetings and official commission business
24	as approved by the chairman of the commission. Reimbursement for travel expenses
25	shall be in accordance with the travel regulations of the division of administration.
26	All meetings of the commission shall be convened in the state of Louisiana.
27	E. The functions of the commission shall be to:
28	(1) Serve as an advisory body to the governor and the Louisiana Department
29	of Health on matters relating to hepatitis C, HIV, and AIDS and HIV.

1	(2) Serve as a coordinating forum on matters relating to hepatitis C , HIV,
2	and AIDS and HIV between and among state agencies, local government, and
3	nongovernmental groups.
4	(3) Research and review all state regulations, guidelines, policies, and
5	procedures relative to prevention, treatment, and care of hepatitis C, and HIV
6	infection, and AIDS and, when appropriate, make recommendations to the governor,
7	the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, and the legislature.
8	(4) Provide a forum for an annual public hearing on matters relating to
9	hepatitis C, HIV, and AIDS and HIV as well as a mechanism for other public
10	comments and peer reviews on federal and state-funded programs related to hepatitis
11	C , HIV, and AIDS and HIV.
12	* * *
13	Section 3. R.S. 40:2018.1(G) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Revises the name of, and various provisions of law pertaining to, the Louisiana Commission on HIV, AIDS, and Hepatitis C Education, Prevention, and Treatment.

<u>Present law</u> creates and provides for Louisiana Commission on HIV, AIDS, and Hepatitis C Education, Prevention, and Treatment.

Proposed law changes the name of the commission to the Louisiana Commission on HIV and Hepatitis C Education, Prevention, and Treatment. Strikes references to AIDS within present law pertaining to the commission.

Present law provides that the chairman of the commission shall be appointed by the governor. Proposed law revises present law to provide that the commission, in open session, shall elect a chairman from among its members.

Proposed law repeals present law providing that the commission shall terminate on September 1, 2022.

(Amends R.S. 36:259(B)(34) and R.S. 40:2018.1(A), (B)(1)(i), and (C)-(E); Repeals R.S. 40:2018.1(G))