

ACT No. 326

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 266

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLARD

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 36:259(B)(34) and R.S. 40:2018.1(A), (B)(1)(i), (C), and (E) and
3 to repeal R.S. 40:2018.1(G), relative to the Louisiana Commission on HIV, AIDS,
4 and Hepatitis C Education, Prevention, and Treatment; to revise the name of the
5 commission; to provide for the means by which the chairman of the commission is
6 selected; to delete references to AIDS within laws pertaining to the commission; to
7 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

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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:

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16 (34) The Louisiana Commission on HIV, ~~AIDS~~, and Hepatitis C Education,
17 Prevention, and Treatment (R.S. 40:2018.1).

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19 Section 2. R.S. 40:2018.1(A), (B)(1)(i), (C), and (E) are hereby amended and
20 reenacted to read as follows:

21 §2018.1. Louisiana Commission on HIV, ~~AIDS~~, and Hepatitis C Education,
22 Prevention, and Treatment

23 A. The legislature hereby establishes within the office of public health of the
24 Louisiana Department of Health a commission which shall be designated the

1 "Louisiana Commission on HIV, ~~AIDS~~, and Hepatitis C Education, Prevention, and
2 Treatment". The commission shall be composed of thirty-three members as provided
3 in Subsection B of this Section.

4 B.(1) Twenty members shall serve at the governor's pleasure and shall be
5 appointed by the governor as follows:

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7 (i) Three representatives from the Louisiana Department of Health who have
8 knowledge of policies related to HIV, ~~AIDS~~, and hepatitis C and who work in the
9 office of public health, office of behavioral health, and bureau of health services
10 financing, respectively.

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12 C. ~~The chairman of the commission shall be appointed by the governor and~~
13 The commission, in open session, shall elect from among its members a chairman,
14 who shall serve as chairman without salary.

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16 E. The functions of the commission shall be to:

17 (1) Serve as an advisory body to the governor and the Louisiana Department
18 of Health on matters relating to hepatitis C, ~~HHV, and AIDS~~ and HIV.

19 (2) Serve as a coordinating forum on matters relating to hepatitis C, ~~HHV,~~
20 ~~and AIDS~~ and HIV between and among state agencies, local government, and
21 nongovernmental groups.

22 (3) Research and review all state regulations, guidelines, policies, and
23 procedures relative to prevention, treatment, and care of hepatitis C; and HIV
24 infection, ~~and AIDS~~ and, when appropriate, make recommendations to the governor,
25 the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, and the legislature.

26 (4) Provide a forum for an annual public hearing on matters relating to
27 hepatitis C, ~~HHV, and AIDS~~ and HIV as well as a mechanism for other public
28 comments and peer reviews on federal and state-funded programs related to hepatitis
29 C, ~~HHV, and AIDS~~ and HIV.

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1 Section 3. R.S. 40:2018.1(G) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____