

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

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Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to Re-Reengrossed
House Bill No. 624 by Representative Berault

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete lines 3 through 16 and on page 2, delete lines 1 through 8 and insert "15:933.1, R.S. 17:14.1(B)(1) and (C)(5), 3047.6(A), and 3914(M)(1), the heading of Chapter 1 of Title 23 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, R.S. 23:1, 2, 3, 6(introductory paragraph), (1), (2), (3), (7), and (15), 7, 12, 14, 17, 73(A)(1)(introductory paragraph), (a) through (c), and (d)(introductory paragraph) and (ii), (C), and (E)(2), 74, 75(A), (B), (C)(1), (D)(3)(a) and (b), and (E), 76(A), (B), and (C)(1), (2), and (8)(a), 78(introductory paragraph), (1), and (5), 1600(2) and (3)(a), 1693(I)(1) (introductory paragraph), (a), and (b)(introductory paragraph), (i), and (ii), (2), and (3) and (J), R.S. 36:3(3), 4(A)(introductory paragraph) and (6), the heading of Chapter 7 of Title 36 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, 301, 308(A) and (B), and 309 (A)(introductory paragraph), (B)(introductory paragraph), (C)(introductory paragraph), (D), and (E)(introductory paragraph), R.S. 46:1(2), (4), and (6), 18(A), the heading of Chapter 2 of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, 51(introductory paragraph), (1), and (9), 52.1(A) and (B)(1)(introductory paragraph), (2), and (3), 54, 56(A) and (B)(1), 59, 60, 107(A)(1), 114(A), (B), (C)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (2), (D), and (E)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (3), 114.1, 114.2, 114.3(A) and (B), 114.4(D) and (E), 116, 230.1(A) and (B), 231(11) and (24), 231.4(A) and (D), 234, 236, 237(A),(E),(F), and (G), 301(A)(1) and (2), 321(2) through (5), 322(2) through (6), 323(introductory paragraph), (3), and (4), 324(A), (B), (C), (D), and (E)(introductory paragraph), (1), and (2)(introductory paragraph), 325(introductory paragraph), 326 through 328, 331(A)(1) through (3), 332, 352(1)(a) and (b) and (2)(a), 431, 433(A), 434, 441, 443, 444, 447, 450.1(A), (B)(4) and (5), and (C)(1) and (2), 460.1, 460.4(A), 460.5(A), 460.7(A) and (C), 460.8(A)(1) and (B), 460.10, 932(12), and 936, and R.S. 49:191(1)(f) and 1402(1)(d), to enact R.S. 23:309(E) and R.S. 46:107(E), and to repeal R.S. 23:18 and 34, R.S. 36:308(E), R.S. 46:51(2), (10), and (11), 52.1(C) through (F), 55, 102, 103, 112, 230.1(C), and 231.14(G)(3), and R.S. 49:1402(1)(a), relative to the"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, line 14, after "15," and before "and" insert "23,"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, delete line 21 and insert "and workforce programs;"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, delete lines 23 through 26

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, at the beginning of line 27, delete "Fund;"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, line 29, after "SNAP;" delete the remainder of the line

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 3, delete lines 1 and 2 and insert "to provide for SNAP"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 8

2 On page 3, line 19, change "Louisiana Works" to "LDH"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 9

4 On page 3, line 20, after "Louisiana Works" and before the semicolon ";" insert "and LDH"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 10

6 On page 4, line 23, change "R.S. ~~46:114.1~~ 23:1838." to "R.S. 46:114.1."

7 AMENDMENT NO. 11

8 On page 6, delete lines 13 and 14 and insert the following:

9 "Section 5. R.S. 17:14.1(B)(1) and (C)(5) and 3047.6(A) are hereby amended and
10 reenacted to read as follows:"

11 AMENDMENT NO. 12

12 On page 7, delete lines 18 through 25

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14 AMENDMENT NO. 13

15 On page 7, between lines 26 and 27, insert the following:

16 "Section 6. R.S. 17:3914(M)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:"

17 AMENDMENT NO. 14

18 On page 8, delete lines 13 through 19

19 AMENDMENT NO. 15

20 On page 8, delete lines 20 through 26 and insert the following:

21 "Section 7. The heading of Chapter 1 of Title 23 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes
22 of 1950, R.S. 23:1, 2, 3, 6(introductory paragraph), (1), (2), (3), (7), and (15), 7, 12, 14, 17,
23 73(A)(1)(introductory paragraph), (a) through (c), and (d)(introductory paragraph) and (ii),
24 (C), and (E)(2), 74, 75(A), (B), (C)(1), (D)(3)(a) and (b), and (E), 76(A), (B), and (C)(1), (2),
25 and (8)(a), 78(introductory paragraph), (1), and (5), 1600(2) and (3)(a), and 1693(J) are
26 hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:"

27 AMENDMENT NO. 16

28 On page 9, line 7, after "of" delete the remainder of the line

29 AMENDMENT NO. 17

30 On page 9, at the beginning of line 8, delete "determinations, benefit payments."

31 AMENDMENT NO. 18

32 On page 9, line 30, after "for" and before "workforce" delete "social service delivery and"

33 AMENDMENT NO. 19

34 On page 10, delete lines 8 and 9

1 AMENDMENT NO. 202 On page 10, at the beginning of line 10, change "(3)" to "(2)"3 AMENDMENT NO. 214 On page 10, at the beginning of line 11, change "~~(3)~~(4)" to "(3)"5 AMENDMENT NO. 22

6 On page 10, delete lines 12 through 29

7 AMENDMENT NO. 23

8 On page 10, delete lines 1 through 18 and insert "* * *"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 2410 On page 12, line 20, after the comma ",", and before "and" delete "social services,"11 AMENDMENT NO. 25

12 Delete page 13

13 AMENDMENT NO. 26

14 On page 14, delete lines 1 through 23

15 AMENDMENT NO. 2716 On page 15, line 26, after "workforce" and before "development" delete "and public
17 assistance"18 AMENDMENT NO. 28

19 On page 15, line 27, after "All" delete the remainder of the line and delete line 28

20 AMENDMENT NO. 2921 On page 15, at the beginning of line 29, delete "programs that provide"22 AMENDMENT NO. 3023 On page 16, line 15, after "of" and before "workforce" delete "social service programs and"24 AMENDMENT NO. 3125 On page 16, line 19, after "for" delete the remainder of the line and insert "workforce
26 training and other"27 AMENDMENT NO. 3228 On page 16, line 23, after "workforce" and before "plan" delete "and social services"29 AMENDMENT NO. 33

30 On page 16, delete line 28

31 AMENDMENT NO. 3432 On page 17, at the beginning of line 1, change "(3)" to "(2)"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 35

2 On page 17, at the beginning of line 3, change "(4)" to "(3)"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 36

4 On page 17, at the beginning of line 6, change "(5)" to "(4)"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 37

6 On page 17, at the beginning of line 8, change "(6)" to "(5)"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 38

8 On page 17, at the beginning of line 10, change "(7)" to "(6)"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 39

10 On page 17, at the beginning of line 12, change "(8)" to "(7)"

11 AMENDMENT NO. 40

12 On page 18, delete lines 4 through 6 and insert "* * *"

13 AMENDMENT NO. 41

14 On page 18, delete lines 9 through 11

15 AMENDMENT NO. 42

16 On page 19, line 22, after "development" delete "and social services"

17 AMENDMENT NO. 43

18 On page 20, delete lines 22 through 24 and insert "* * *"

19 AMENDMENT NO. 44

20 On page 24, delete lines 11 through 29

21 AMENDMENT NO. 45

22 Delete pages 25 through 60

23 AMENDMENT NO. 46

24 On page 61, at the beginning of line 1, change "Section 7." to "Section 8."

25 AMENDMENT NO. 47

26 On page 61, delete line 15 and insert the following:

27 "Section 9. R.S. 23:1693(I)(1)(introductory paragraph), (a), (b)(introductory
28 paragraph),(i), and (ii), (2), and (3) are hereby amended and reenacted to read"

29 AMENDMENT NO. 48

30 On page 62, delete lines 3 through 7 and insert "Section 13(c)(1) of the Food Stamp Act of
31 1977, 7 U.S.C. 2022(c)(1). The administrator shall notify the Louisiana Department of
32 Health Children and Family Services, or its designated office, of any individual who
33 discloses that he owes any food stamp overissuance and who is determined to be eligible and
34 qualified for unemployment compensation."

1 AMENDMENT NO. 49

2 On page 62, delete lines 12 and 13 and insert "deducted and withheld under this Subsection
 3 if the administrator also receives confirmation from the Louisiana Department of ~~Children~~
 4 ~~and Family Services~~ Health that"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 50

6 On page 62, delete lines 19 through 21 and insert "* * *"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 51

8 On page 62, delete lines 23 through 25 and insert "shall be paid by the administrator to the
 9 Louisiana Department of Health ~~Children and Family Services~~, or its designated office."

10 AMENDMENT NO. 52

11 On page 62, delete lines 28 and 29 and insert "as unemployment compensation and paid by
 12 such individual to the Louisiana Department of Health ~~Children and Family Services~~ as
 13 repayment of the uncollected"

14 AMENDMENT NO. 53

15 On page 63, at the beginning of line 3, change "Section 9." to "Section 10."

16 AMENDMENT NO. 54

17 On page 63, line 4, after "309" and before "are" insert "(A)(introductory paragraph),
 18 (B)(introductory paragraph), (C)(introductory paragraph), (D), and (E)(introductory
 19 paragraph)"

20 AMENDMENT NO. 55

21 On page 64, at the beginning of line 19, delete "certain social services."

22 AMENDMENT NO. 56

23 On page 66, delete lines 4 through 9 and insert "* * *"

24 AMENDMENT NO. 57

25 On page 66, delete lines 13 and 14 and insert "* * *"

26 AMENDMENT NO. 58

27 On page 66, delete lines 17 and 18 and insert "* * *"

28 AMENDMENT NO. 59

29 On page 66, delete lines 26 and 27 and insert the following:

30 "* * *"
 31 Section 11. R.S. 36:309(F) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
 32 §309. Transfer of agencies to ~~Louisiana Workforce Commission~~ Louisiana Works
 33 * * *"

34 AMENDMENT NO. 60

35 On page 67, at the end of line 1, delete "(R.S. 23:1821 et"

36 AMENDMENT NO. 61

37 On page 67, at the beginning of line 2, delete "seq.)"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 62

2 On page 67, delete lines 4 and 5 and insert the following:

3 "Section 12. R.S. 46:18(A), the heading of Chapter 2 of Title 46 of the Louisiana
4 Revised Statutes of 1950, 51(introductory paragraph), (1), and (9), 52.1(A) and
5 (B)(1)(introductory paragraph), (2), and (3), 114(E)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (3),
6 114.1, 114.4(D) and (E), 116, 234, 301(A)(1) and (2), 321(2) through (5), 322(2) through
7 (6), 323(introductory paragraph), (3), and (4), 324(A), (B), (C), (D), and"

8 AMENDMENT NO. 63

9 On page 67, line 7, after "352(1)(b)," and before "932(12)," insert "431, 433(A), 434,
10 460.1(A), (B)(4) and (5), and (C)(1) and (2), 460.4(A)"

11 AMENDMENT NO. 64

12 On page 67, between lines 8 and 9, insert the following:

13 "§18. Health care records; copies

14 A. The provider of health care shall furnish to the claimant, the person appointed to
15 represent the claimant in his dealings with the Social Security Administration, or an agent
16 with written authorization made pursuant to 45 CFR 164.508, upon request, a copy of any
17 records that are necessary to support his filing for social security disability benefits or
18 supplemental security income benefits under any provision of the Social Security Act. Cost
19 of each photocopy shall not exceed fifty cents per page for the first five pages and twenty-
20 five cents for each additional page except that the amount due shall not be less than the
21 amount paid by the ~~Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Department of
22 Health for such copies. Payment for any copies made in connection with disability
23 determinations shall be made to the health care provider's agent instead of the health care
24 provider when the agent makes the copies.

25 * * *

26 §51. Duties of the department

27 The Department of Children and Family Services, through its secretary, shall
28 administer the ~~public assistance and child~~ welfare laws of the state as follows:

29 (1) Make and promulgate such rules and regulations as are necessary or desirable for
30 carrying out the provisions of this ~~Chapter~~ Section, which rules and regulations are binding
31 upon the parishes or other local units and their agents and upon such private agencies and
32 their agents as are subject to the supervision of the department.

33 * * *

34 (9) Administer such federal, state, parish, municipal, or private funds as may be made
35 available for child welfare purposes.

36 * * *

37 §52.1. Integrated case management; ~~"No Wrong Door"~~ service integration of various social
38 service programs

39 A. The legislature recognizes that the ~~department provides~~ Louisiana Department of
40 Health, Department of Children and Family Services, and Louisiana Works provide services
41 to individuals with multiple needs; ~~however.~~ However, the conventional service delivery
42 system of requiring individuals to access various offices within the ~~department~~ state to
43 address those multiple needs creates ~~a barrier~~ barriers to the delivery of those services and
44 entry into the workforce. ~~Additionally, these~~ These needs can be better met, more efficiently
45 and less costly, through integrated case management at a ~~"no wrong door"~~ single service
46 location with a single case worker. It is the intent of the legislature to ~~provide a social~~
47 ~~services department that is streamlined in~~ streamline the delivery of services and
48 ~~incorporates~~ incorporate integrated case management models for clients and families served
49 by multiple departments and programs.

50 B. For purposes of this Section:

51 (1) "Integrated case management" means ~~a team approach to accessing the needs of~~
52 ~~a client and, if applicable, the family, establishing a comprehensive plan for addressing all~~
53 ~~those needs, and utilizing service integration to deliver required services. An integrated case~~

~~management model includes:~~ an accessible, customer-centered approach that coordinates the necessary services that meet the needs of each individual or family which, if applicable, establishes a comprehensive, integrated service plan that addresses all of those needs and outcomes, which is continually monitored and updated as necessary.

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(2) ~~"Multidisciplinary team" or "team" means a team comprised of appropriate department program staff members, regardless of their title or office assignment. It shall also include staff of the Louisiana Department of Health, Louisiana Workforce Commission, and Department of Public Safety and Corrections and local community organizations. "Integrated service plan" means a plan that is based on the client's strengths, risks, service needs, and improvement plan.~~

(3) "Service integration" means a process by which a range of social, education, and workforce employment and training services are delivered in a coordinated and seamless manner to provide client-oriented services, increase early intervention and prevention opportunities, improve client outcomes, and establish provider accountability through performance measures. Service integration includes:

(a) ~~A "No Wrong One Door" site business model which requires co-location of a multidisciplinary team to make~~ makes it easier for the client to obtain service services and to allow the team to learn allows various programs to work well seamlessly together. In the event co-location is not physically possible, the team members shall provide a seamless link with the other team members and resources.

(b) ~~Cross-training among the multidisciplinary team, various program staff to ensure a general understanding of each other's services and processes~~ all programs that a client may require.

(c) ~~Flexible use of funding among the offices and, if applicable, departments and community programs, comprising the multidisciplinary team to ensure that the client receives services for which he is eligible.~~

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§114. ~~Fraud in obtaining assistance; withholding information concerning property, income or beneficiary, or personal circumstances~~

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E.(1) ~~Persons receiving food stamps or Aid to Families with Dependent Children, or a successor of either program, who have been determined by the Department of Children and Family Services or the Louisiana Department of Health in an administrative hearing, or a court of competent jurisdiction after final appeal, to have fraudulently obtained such food stamps or Aid to Families with Dependent Children, or benefits or assistance from a successor of either program, shall be ineligible for further participation in the program in accordance with the following schedule:~~

* * *

(3) ~~Persons receiving medical assistance under provisions of Title XIX of the Social Security Act who have been determined by the Department of Children and Family Services or the Louisiana Department of Health to have fraudulently obtained such medical assistance may be suspended from the medical assistance program for twelve months.~~

§114.1. ~~Public Assistance Fraud Hot-Line~~

~~To encourage the reporting of incidents of public assistance fraud, the Department of Children and Family Services, office of children and family services, through its fraud detection section,~~ Louisiana Department of Health shall provide a statewide, toll-free telephone service, known as the Public Assistance Fraud Hot-Line, when sufficient funds are made available by the legislature for such purpose, or when funds are available from any other source.

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§114.4. ~~Fraud Detection Fund~~

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D. ~~The monies in the fund may be appropriated by the legislature to the office of children and family services of the Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Department of Health for the enhancement of fraud detection and recovery activities in an amount not to exceed the balance on hand in the fund at the end of the previous calendar year. These funds shall not be used to replace, displace, or supplant state general funds appropriated for daily operation of any regional fraud detection activities of the office of children and family services Louisiana Department of Health.

E. All unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of each fiscal year shall remain in the fund to the credit of the ~~office of children and family services~~ Louisiana Department of Health.

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§116. Prima facie proof of pleadings

Pleadings filed on behalf of the Department of Children and Family Services or the Louisiana Department of Health in actions to recover the value of ineligible public financial assistance payments or benefits shall be accompanied by an itemized statement of the amount of overissuance or overpayment together with the amount to which the recipient was entitled, if any. When accompanied by an affidavit of the assistant secretary of the office administering such payments or benefits to the correctness thereof as to the truth of the facts alleged to the best of the affiant's knowledge and belief, such itemized statement shall be accepted as prima facie proof of the disbursement and receipt of said payments and the amount thereof.

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§234. Judicially appointed curator

In lieu of selecting a payee to receive assistance, the ~~Department of Children and Family Services~~ department, pursuant to federal regulations, may require the referral of the case to the district court for a judicially appointed curator. The court is authorized to appoint a capable, interested, and willing third person, irrespective of whether he is related to the child within any of the degrees of relationship set forth in Section 406(a) of Title IV of the Social Security Act, to receive the payments and use them in the best interest of the child. The curator shall be accountable at whatever intervals are specified by the court and the court shall require a bond or whatever other security is deemed necessary by the court to ensure the faithful performance of the curator's duties. The curator, upon being appointed, shall take the oath and letters of authority may be issued to him. In those instances in which the department requires the case be referred to the court for the appointment of a curator, each local governing authority shall have the option in any case to provide compensation to the curator.

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AMENDMENT NO. 65

On page 67, delete lines 20 through 29 and on page 68, delete lines 1 through 21

AMENDMENT NO. 66

On page 69, delete lines 26 and 27 and insert "* * *

AMENDMENT NO. 67

On page 72, line 13, change "pilot initiative" to "pilot initiative program"

AMENDMENT NO. 68

On page 74, at the beginning of line 25, change "A." to "A."

AMENDMENT NO. 69

On page 76, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

"§431. Curator for receipt and administration of welfare benefits

Any mentally incompetent person who is entitled to public assistance or who has the right to apply for public assistance but cannot make application because of his incompetency and who does not have a duly appointed and qualified legal representative, may have a curator appointed for him solely for the purpose of representing his interest in qualifying for, receiving and administering welfare public assistance benefits. The appointment shall be made by any court of competent jurisdiction, subject to the proceedings hereinafter outlined.

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§433. Bond; account; oath and letters

A. The curator shall be accountable at whatever intervals are specified by the court and the court shall have the right to require a bond or whatever other security is deemed

1 necessary by the court to ensure the faithful performance of the curator's duties;~~the~~ The
 2 curator, upon being appointed, shall take an oath; and letters of authority may be issued to
 3 him.

4 * * *

5 §434. Final discharge of curator

6 A. The curator shall be discharged from his duties ~~upon~~ for any of the following
 7 reasons:

8 ~~(a)~~ (1) Upon the interdiction of the incompetent person under existing law;

9 ~~(b)~~ (2) Upon proper proof to the court that the incompetent person has become sufficiently
 10 competent to administer his ~~welfare~~ public assistance benefits;~~or,~~

11 ~~(c)~~ (3) Upon the signing of an order by the court that made the original appointment, upon
 12 its own motion, or otherwise, terminating the appointment of the curator for any other
 13 reason.

14 B. Upon being discharged, the curator shall render a full and final accounting to the
 15 court of his administration; and upon so doing, the curator shall be relieved from any further
 16 responsibility and his bond shall be cancelled and whatever other security may have been
 17 given shall be released.

18 * * *

19 §450.1. Electronic authorization and distribution of public assistance benefits and services

20 A. The office of children and family services, Department of Children and Family
 21 Services, and the Louisiana Department of Health shall contract for the development and
 22 implementation of an electronic issuance system for the authorization and distribution of
 23 benefits and services provided by public assistance programs. Such programs shall include
 24 but not be limited to issuance of benefits and services of the Supplemental Nutrition
 25 Assistance Program and the Family Independence Temporary Assistance Program (FITAP),
 26 and shall require that all recipients who participate in programs for which benefits and
 27 services are authorized and distributed through the system shall obtain benefits through ~~such~~
 28 the electronic issuance system, subject only to ~~such~~ the exceptions ~~as shall be~~ necessary for
 29 the effective functioning of the ~~program~~ programs.

30 B. The contract program selected to provide the electronic issuance system shall
 31 include but not be limited to:

32 * * *

33 ~~(4) Instruction of~~ Instructions for recipients ~~in the~~ on how to use of the system.

34 ~~(5) Instruction of~~ Instructions for retailers and other participants in the program ~~in~~
 35 the on how to use of the system.

36 * * *

37 C. The contract program shall also:

38 (1) Provide merchants the option to utilize commercial point of sale terminals
 39 provided by a third-party processor to interface with the electronic benefits transfer (EBT)
 40 provider selected by the department.

41 (2) Provide for reimbursement by the ~~electronic benefits transfer~~ EBT provider
 42 selected by the department of any and all costs incurred by the merchant in the processing
 43 of benefits under the electronic issuance system for public assistance programs for telephone
 44 monthly service charges and supplies for retailers utilizing the state-provided EBT
 45 equipment.

46 * * *

47 §460.4. Educational opportunities to promote self-sufficiency

48 A. The legislature hereby finds that an employment-focused program has succeeded
 49 in reducing ~~welfare~~ public assistance rolls by focusing on the importance of work as a way
 50 of escaping poverty; education and employment can give ~~welfare~~ public assistance recipients
 51 the literacy, knowledge, and aptitudes to obtain and retain private career-path employment;
 52 that these programs retain their importance in reducing ~~welfare~~ public assistance
 53 dependency; that new federal legislation places an increased emphasis on employment and
 54 allows the combining of employment-related activities with educational activities and that
 55 to the extent that they can be funded under the new federal welfare reform program without
 56 hindering the other federally recognized goals, they should be funded.

57 * * *

58 AMENDMENT NO. 70

59 On page 77, delete lines 12 through 14 and insert the following:

"Section 13. R.S. 46:1(2), (4), and (6), 54, 56(A) and (B)(1), 59, 60, 107(A)(1), 114(A), (B), (C)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (2), (D), and (E)(1)(introductory paragraph), 114.2, 114.3(A) and (B), 116, 230.1(A) and (B), 231(11) and (24), 231.4(A) and (D), 236, 237(A),(E),(F), and (G), 352(1)(a) and (2)(a), 441, 443, 444, 447, 450.1(A), 460.1, 460.5(A), 460.7(A) and (C), 460.8(A)(1) and (B), 460.10, 932(12), and 936 are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.46:107(E) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1. Definitions

As used in this Title, the following definitions shall apply:

* * *

(2) "Department" means the Department of Children and Family Services, Louisiana Works, or Louisiana Department of Health.

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(4) "Parish or district office" means parish or district office of the Department of Children and Family Services, Louisiana Works, or Louisiana Department of Health.

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(6) "Secretary" means the secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services, Louisiana Works, or Louisiana Department of Health.

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§54. Parish offices

A. There shall be in each parish of the state a parish office of the department; provided that the department may unite two or more parishes and form a district office. All duties and responsibilities set forth in this Chapter for parish offices shall also apply to the district offices.

B. Under rules and regulations of the department, the field and district offices shall administer all forms of public assistance within the department's purview in respective parishes.

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AMENDMENT NO. 71

On page 77, delete lines 25 through 30 and on page 78, delete lines 1 through 25 and insert the following:

"B.(1) For the purposes of this Section, "department" means the Louisiana Department of Health, the Department of Children and Family Services, Louisiana Works, and the adult protection agency as provided in R.S. 15:1503. It is the express intent of this Section that the Louisiana Department of Health, the Department of Children and Family Services, Louisiana Works, and, for the purpose of adult protective services, the office of elderly affairs share access to each other's case records to the extent that such access is not prohibited by any contrary provision of federal law or regulation.

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§59. Welfare demonstration, experimental and other projects

The Department of Children and Family Services, Louisiana Works, and the Louisiana Department of Health are authorized to make use of staff and equipment to carry out experimental and demonstration projects whose costs are otherwise totally financed by the federal government under the provisions of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1315) or any other programs totally financed from federal funds.

§60. Educational leaves with pay; federal funds

The secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services, Louisiana Works, and Louisiana Department of Health may grant educational leave with pay to an employee of the department in compliance with federal administrative rules and federal laws that allow federal matching funds to be used in further educating employees of the Department of Children and Family Services, Louisiana Works, and Louisiana Department of Health in the various states."

AMENDMENT NO. 72

On page 79, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

"§114. Fraud in obtaining assistance; withholding information concerning property, income or beneficiary, or personal circumstances

1 A. No person shall obtain or attempt to obtain assistance from ~~the Department of~~
 2 ~~Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Works or the Louisiana Department of Health by
 3 means of any false statement, misrepresentation, or other fraudulent device. If during the
 4 life, or upon the death, of any person who is receiving or has received assistance it is found
 5 that the recipient is receiving or has received assistance through misrepresentation,
 6 nondisclosure of material facts, or other fraudulent device, the amount of assistance, without
 7 interest, shall be recoverable from him or his estate as a debt due the state by court action.

8 B. If at any time during the continuance of public assistance to any person, the
 9 recipient thereof, or the husband or wife of the recipient with whom he or she is living, is
 10 possessed or becomes possessed of any property or income in excess of the amount declared
 11 at the time of application or reinvestigation of his case and in such amount as would affect
 12 his needs or right to receive assistance, it shall be the duty of the recipient, or the husband
 13 or wife of the recipient, to notify ~~the Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana
 14 Works or the Louisiana Department of Health of possession of such property or income, and
 15 the department shall, after investigation, either cancel the assistance or alter the amount
 16 thereof in accordance with the circumstances, provided, that such investigation shows that
 17 such property or income does affect the need of the recipient or his right to receive
 18 assistance. If during the life, or upon the death, of any person who is receiving or has
 19 received assistance it is found that the recipient or his spouse was possessed of any property
 20 or income in excess of the amount reported that would affect his need or right to receive
 21 assistance, any assistance paid when the recipient or his spouse was in possession of such
 22 undeclared property or income shall be recoverable, without interest, from him or his estate
 23 as a debt due the state by court action. The possession of undeclared property by a recipient
 24 or his spouse with whom he is living shall be prima facie evidence of its ownership during
 25 the time assistance was granted, and the burden to prove otherwise shall be upon the
 26 recipient or his legal representative.

27 C.(1) If the personal circumstances of the recipient change at any time during the
 28 continuance of assistance, he shall immediately notify ~~the Department of Children and~~
 29 ~~Family Services~~ Louisiana Works or the Louisiana Department of Health of the change.
 30 Personal circumstances shall include:

31 * * *

32 (2) If during the life, or upon the death, of any person who is receiving assistance it
 33 is found that the recipient has received or is receiving assistance of a greater amount than
 34 he is entitled to receive as a result of his failure to notify ~~the Department of Children and~~
 35 ~~Family Services~~ Louisiana Works or the Louisiana Department of Health of a change of
 36 personal circumstances as set forth in this Subsection, any assistance paid during the time
 37 that the recipient was receiving assistance of a greater amount than he was entitled to receive
 38 as a result of his failure to notify the department shall be recoverable, with legal interest,
 39 from him or his estate as a debt due the state by court action.

40 D. The federal government shall be entitled to share in any amount recovered under
 41 the provisions of this Section; however, the amount recovered by the federal government
 42 shall not exceed the amount contributed by the federal government in each case. The amount
 43 due the United States shall be promptly paid or credited upon collection to the designated
 44 agency of the federal government by ~~the Department of Children and Family Services~~
 45 Louisiana Works or the Louisiana Department of Health.

46 E.(1) Persons receiving food stamps or Aid to Families with Dependent Children, or
 47 a successor of either program, who have been determined by ~~the Department of Children and~~
 48 ~~Family Services~~ Louisiana Works or the Louisiana Department of Health in an
 49 administrative hearing, or a court of competent jurisdiction after final appeal, to have
 50 fraudulently obtained such food stamps or Aid to Families with Dependent Children, or
 51 benefits or assistance from a successor of either program, shall be ineligible for further
 52 participation in the program in accordance with the following schedule:

53 * * *

54 §114.2. Attempting or aiding to obtain assistance fraudulently; penalties

55 Any person who obtains or attempts to obtain or aids and abets anyone to obtain
 56 assistance from ~~the Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Works or the
 57 Louisiana Department of Health by means of any false statement, misrepresentation, or other
 58 fraudulent device or violates the provisions of R.S. 46:114 shall be guilty of theft as
 59 provided by R.S. 14:67.

60 §114.3. Regional fraud detection units; investigative subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum

61 A. ~~The Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Works shall establish,
 62 maintain, and provide for fraud detection functions in order to detect fraud in obtaining

1 public assistance through staff in each region of the state. Each fraud detection unit shall
 2 report each incident of public assistance fraud to the fraud detection section of the office of
 3 children and family services on a monthly basis by the tenth day of each succeeding month.
 4 An annual report of the activities of all fraud detection units within a state fiscal year shall
 5 be submitted by the fraud detection section to the Senate and House committees on health
 6 and welfare by September first.

7 B. When the secretary of ~~the Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana
 8 Works or the secretary's designated representative has evidence that any person, business,
 9 or other legal entity attempted to obtain or obtained assistance or payment for services or
 10 goods from the department by means of any false statement, misrepresentation, or other
 11 fraudulent device, the secretary or the designated representative may issue an administrative
 12 investigation subpoena for deposition testimony or a subpoena duces tecum to be served
 13 upon any person, business, or other legal entity who is believed to have information,
 14 material, or physical evidence relative to the alleged or suspected violation, for the purpose
 15 of producing, revealing, identifying, or explaining documentary material or other physical
 16 evidence. Such deposition or return of subpoena shall take place in the parish in which the
 17 person, business, or other legal entity upon whom the subpoena has been served resides or
 18 conducts business. The subpoena shall be served by certified mail, return receipt requested,
 19 or by any other means authorized by the Code of Civil Procedure or the Code of Criminal
 20 Procedure for the service of process. The subpoena shall specify a return date indicating the
 21 date by which deposition testimony or information, material, or physical evidence must be
 22 received by the department.

23 * * *

24 §116. Prima facie proof of pleadings

25 Pleadings filed on behalf of ~~the Department of Children and Family Services~~
 26 Louisiana Works or the Louisiana Department of Health in actions to recover the value of
 27 ineligible public financial assistance payments or benefits shall be accompanied by an
 28 itemized statement of the amount of overissuance or overpayment together with the amount
 29 to which the recipient was entitled, if any. When accompanied by an affidavit of the assistant
 30 secretary of the office administering such payments or benefits to the correctness thereof as
 31 to the truth of the facts alleged to the best of the affiant's knowledge and belief, such
 32 itemized statement shall be accepted as prima facie proof of the disbursement and receipt
 33 of said payments and the amount thereof.

34 * * *

35 §230.1. Legislative intent

36 A. It is the intent of the legislature that families in Louisiana be strong and
 37 economically self-reliant so as to minimize their dependence on government benefits for
 38 basic needs. To accomplish this goal, it is the intent of this Part that ~~the Department of~~
 39 ~~Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Works ensures that all cash assistance recipients,
 40 with the exception of persons with disabilities or who are incapacitated, are actively and
 41 universally engaged in meaningful activities designed to enable their transition from cash
 42 assistance to self-reliance. It is the further intent that cash assistance participants demonstrate
 43 and are expected to exercise active and diligent personal responsibility in achieving
 44 self-reliance through employment and increased workplace literacy. All appropriate state
 45 agencies responsible for employment, training, and educating Louisiana's citizens are
 46 expected to cooperate in the pursuit of this goal.

47 B. ~~The Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Works shall submit
 48 written reports on the status of implementation of these provisions to the Performance
 49 Review Subcommittee of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget in March, 2004 and
 50 September, 2004, and thereafter, annually at the same time as the mid-year performance
 51 progress report is submitted as provided in R.S. 39:87.3(A)(2). Such written reports shall
 52 include but not be limited to data providing performance measures assessing the success of
 53 performance-based agreements, job readiness, workplace literacy, job development services,
 54 and such additional data as may be determined by the committee.

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56 §231. Aid to needy families; definitions

57 As used in this Subpart, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

58 * * *

59 (11) "Department" means ~~the Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana
 60 Works.

61 * * *

(24) "Secretary" means the secretary of ~~the Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Works.

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AMENDMENT NO. 73

On page 80, delete lines 4 through 12 and insert the following:

"§236. Administration of emergency assistance to needy families with children

In order to extend and improve services, aid, and care to needy children and needy families with children in this state, and in order to take full advantage of existing federally funded programs on a matched basis, ~~the Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Works shall be the agency of the state of Louisiana to cooperate with the United States and to administer Title IV-A, Sections 403 and 406 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 603 and 606) or any amendments thereto, relating to emergency assistance to needy families with children, and to receive and expend federal moneys for these services.

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§237. Kinship Care Subsidy Program

A. Creation. There is hereby established a Kinship Care Subsidy Program in ~~the office of children and family services of the Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Works, for the purpose of assisting eligible kinship caregivers, including grandparents, step-grandparents, or other adult relatives within the fifth degree who have legal custody or guardianship of their minor relatives.

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E. Subsidy amounts. ~~The office of children and family services~~ Louisiana Works shall promulgate rules and regulations to establish the amount of the subsidy to be awarded on behalf of each minor relative.

F. Rules, regulations, and procedures. ~~The office of children and family services~~ Louisiana Works shall promulgate rules and regulations to provide for any other eligibility requirements which are reasonably necessary to administer the Kinship Care Subsidy Program in accordance with this Section and any federal requirements, to promote the safety and well-being of any minor relative for whom subsidies are issued, and to establish procedures for reconsideration of eligibility of applicants no less than annually.

G. Administration and funding. The subsidy provided for in this Section shall be administered by ~~the office of children and family services~~ Louisiana Works and funded through the TANF block grant.

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AMENDMENT NO. 74

On page 80, delete lines 20 through 22 and insert the following:

"441. Surviving spouse of public assistance recipients; retention of benefits received during month of death

A surviving spouse of a ~~general~~ public assistance recipient is hereby authorized to receive and retain any financial assistance paid by ~~the Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Works to or for the benefit of ~~said the~~ recipient during the month of the death of said recipient, whether or not the check covering ~~such the~~ public assistance was actually received prior to the death of the recipient.

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§443. Exemption of income and resources

The secretary of ~~the Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Works and the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health are hereby authorized to adopt income and resources exemption policies to the extent necessary to conform with the federal Economic Opportunity Act, any social security provision, and any other laws of congress to obtain federal block grant or matching funds for the state's public assistance program. Such income and resources exemption policies shall prevail in the event they conflict with R.S. 46:151, 153, 154, and 233.

§444. Cooperation with administrative agencies relative to interchange of information

~~The Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Works is hereby authorized to provide for interchange of such information necessary in providing for work training experiences as required by Public Law 90-248, as the secretary of the United States

1 Department of Health, Education and Welfare, or its successor department, may require for
2 federal matching purposes.

3 * * *

4 §447. Revision of standard of need; aid to families with dependent children; general
5 assistance

6 A. ~~The Louisiana Department of Health and the Department of Children and Family~~
7 ~~Services~~ Louisiana Works jointly shall revise the standard of need for the Family
8 Independence Temporary Assistant Program and the general assistance program each year,
9 basing such standard on the Annual Update of the Poverty Income Guidelines published by
10 the United States Department of Health and Human Services. The standard shall reflect the
11 higher of the southern and national averages. The departments shall cause such revised
12 standard to become effective on January first of each year.

13 B. Implementation of this provision shall be contingent on the Louisiana Department
14 of Health and ~~the Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Works certifying
15 to the commissioner of the division of administration that the revision will not increase the
16 total state dollar expenditure for the two departments.

17 * * *

18 §450.1. Electronic authorization and distribution of public assistance benefits and services

19 A. ~~The office of children and family services, Department of Children and Family~~
20 ~~Services,~~ Louisiana Department of Health and Louisiana Works shall contract for the
21 development and implementation of an electronic issuance system for the authorization and
22 distribution of benefits and services provided by public assistance programs. Such programs
23 shall include but not be limited to issuance of benefits and services of the Supplemental
24 Nutrition Assistance Program and the Family Independence Temporary Assistance Program
25 (FITAP), and shall require that all recipients who participate in programs for which benefits
26 and services are authorized and distributed through the system shall obtain benefits through
27 ~~such the~~ electronic issuance system, subject only to ~~such the~~ exceptions ~~as shall be~~ necessary
28 for the effective functioning of the program programs.

29 * * *

30 §460.1. Submission of quarterly reports to the legislature

31 ~~The Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Works shall submit
32 copies of the federal quarterly ACF-196 and ACF-696 reports to the House and Senate
33 committees on health and welfare, the House Committee on Appropriations, and the Senate
34 Committee on Finance at the time these reports are submitted to the federal government.
35 Upon request, the department shall submit copies of any other report the legislature deems
36 necessary.

37 * * *

38 §460.5. Earned income disregards for certain TANF recipients

39 A. In order to promote self-sufficiency, ~~the Department of Children and Family~~
40 ~~Services~~ Louisiana Works shall disregard a recipient's first six months of earnings up to nine
41 hundred dollars of gross earnings per month in determining the amount of his household's
42 benefit under Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, provided that ~~such the~~ recipient is
43 engaged in a work activity which has been approved by the department as part of his work
44 participation requirement under TANF.

45 * * *

46 §460.7. Incentive Award Program; dropout reduction; teen pregnancy reduction

47 A. ~~The Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Works in consultation
48 with the Department of Education shall develop and implement a special program, the
49 Incentive Award Program, whereby the governing authority of a parish and a parish school
50 system may receive a financial award for reducing the teen pregnancy rate and dropout rate
51 for the parish.

52 * * *

53 C. Through the Incentive Award Program, the department shall provide a financial
54 award to each of the ten parishes identified in the annual progress report ~~which that~~ have
55 demonstrated the most significant reduction in dropout rates, as defined by rule of the
56 Department of Education, and in teen pregnancy rates as defined by rule of ~~the Department~~
57 ~~of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Works. The financial award shall be distributed
58 to ~~such the~~ ten parish school systems. These awards may be expended by the parish school
59 system to implement innovative community-based and school-based programs designed to
60 further reduce the dropout rate and the teen pregnancy rate for the parish and for
61 instructional enhancement programs.

62 * * *

§460.8. TANF eligibility; teen parent living arrangements; work participation requirements; submission of waiver

A.(1)(a) Any recipient of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (TANF) benefits who is less than eighteen years of age, is not married, and is a custodial parent shall live in an approved adult-supervised living arrangement with his ~~or her~~ child, except when evidence is presented to a caseworker of ~~the Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Works that the teen parent, or his ~~or her~~ child, has been subjected to emotional or physical abuse.

(b)(i) If the caseworker determines that the teen parent, or his ~~or her~~ child, has been subjected to the abuse of an adult with whom they are living in a primary relationship and that under the circumstances the teen, and his ~~or her~~ child, would be safer living outside the present adult-supervised living arrangement, then the teen parent and child shall be allowed to live outside ~~such the adult-supervised~~ living arrangement temporarily.

(ii) If the teen parent leaves ~~his or her~~ ~~such the adult-supervised~~ living arrangement, the caseworker shall monitor the teen's case no less frequently than once a month and shall assist the teen parent in locating another approved adult-supervised living arrangement, taking into consideration the needs and concerns of the teen parent and child.

(c) The teen parent shall be allowed to receive TANF benefits on behalf of himself ~~or herself~~, and his ~~or her~~ child, while temporarily living outside an adult-supervised living arrangement as provided in this Subsection.

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B. The secretary of ~~the Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Works may temporarily exempt from the work participation requirements any female who is in a two-parent TANF family who presents sufficient evidence to support a claim that she has been incapable of maintaining a job or regularly reporting to her place of employment because she is a victim of domestic violence and has been forced to move into a shelter or another protective environment outside her home.

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§460.10. Drug testing for certain adult recipients of public assistance; legislative policy; procedures

A. The legislature hereby reaffirms the legitimate government function of promoting the safety and welfare of children and adults. The legislature declares that the best interests of a significant portion of the state's population are served by ensuring that they are free of the physical and mental impairments associated with drug dependence. The legislature further reaffirms its compelling interest in providing safeguards to eliminate the misappropriation of ~~entitlement public assistance~~ benefits. The legislature hereby directs the secretary of ~~the Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Works, in consultation with the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health and the commissioner of administration, to establish a mandatory drug testing program for certain adults in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant Program.

B.(1) The secretary of ~~the Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Works shall cause to be instituted a mandatory drug testing program for certain adult participants, to be determined by the secretary in consultation with the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health and the commissioner of administration, in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant Program. ~~However, no~~ No participant shall be tested if such testing is prohibited by federal law. No sanction shall be imposed on an adult participant if such sanction is prohibited by federal law.

(2) ~~The~~ Such testing program shall provide procedural safeguards to ensure the protection of the constitutional rights of the program participants and provide that testing shall be done by state certified laboratories.

C.(1) The required drug testing program shall require a participant to complete an education and rehabilitation program upon the initial identification of ~~such the~~ participant as an illegal drug user verified by a positive test result as a prerequisite to continued receipt of benefits. Further, the drug testing program shall provide for the suspension of participation in ~~such entitlement the public assistance~~ program for a participant subsequently identified by a verified positive test result as an illegal drug user; ~~however, However~~, in no event shall participation in ~~such entitlement the public assistance~~ program be suspended while the participant is taking part in the education and rehabilitation program or until an education and rehabilitation program is available to the participant.

(2)(a) The secretary of ~~the Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana Works, in conjunction with the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health and the

1 commissioner of administration, shall provide a program of education and rehabilitation for
2 participants so identified as illegal drug users.

3 (b) The ~~Such~~ program shall include regulations governing the reentry of a suspended
4 ~~recipient participant~~ into the ~~entitlement~~ public assistance program based on subsequent
5 testing results and completion of education and rehabilitation programs.

6 (c) The ~~Such~~ program shall also include the provision of inpatient services for any
7 participant identified as an illegal drug user if it is determined that such inpatient services
8 are necessary for successful rehabilitation.

9 D. The secretary of ~~the Department of Children and Family Services~~ Louisiana
10 Works, in consultation with the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health and the
11 commissioner of administration, shall promulgate rules and regulations to implement the
12 provisions of this Section in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. Such rules
13 and regulations shall provide that the cost of testing participants for the presence of illegal
14 drugs and the treatment of such participants pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall
15 be borne by the department or departments that grant the applicable public assistance.

16 E. The secretary of Louisiana Works shall prepare a written statistical report on the
17 program and submit the report to the legislature on or before January 1, 1999 and annually
18 thereafter.

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20 AMENDMENT NO. 75

21 On page 81, line 1, change "July" to "October"

22 AMENDMENT NO. 76

23 On page 81, line 10, change "July" to "October"

24 AMENDMENT NO. 77

25 On page 81, line 19, change "July" to "October"

26 AMENDMENT NO. 78

27 On page 81, at the beginning of line 23, change "Section 12." to "Section 14."

28 AMENDMENT NO. 79

29 On page 81, line 30, change "July" to "October"

30 AMENDMENT NO. 80

31 On page 82, delete lines 3 and 4 and insert the following:

32 "B. It is further the intention of the legislature that the ~~Office~~ Department of Elderly
33 Affairs administer all federal funds appropriated, allocated,"

34 AMENDMENT NO. 81

35 On page 82, line 9, change "July" to "October"

36 AMENDMENT NO. 82

37 On page 82, at the beginning of line 12, change "Section 13." to "Section 15."

38 AMENDMENT NO. 83

39 On page 83, at the beginning of line 3, change "Section 14.(A)" to "Section 16."

40 AMENDMENT NO. 84

41 On page 83, delete lines 5 through 10 and insert the following:

1 "Section 17. R.S. 46:51(2), (10), and (11), 52.1(C) through (F), 55, 102, 103, 112,
2 230.1(C), and 231.14(G)(3) and R.S. 49:1402(1)(a) are hereby repealed in their entirety."

3 AMENDMENT NO. 85

4 On page 83, at the beginning of line 11, change "Section 15." to "Section 18."

5 AMENDMENT NO. 86

6 On page 83, line 14, change "Louisiana Works or department" to ""Louisiana Works" or
7 "department""

8 AMENDMENT NO. 87

9 On page 83, at the beginning of line 19, change "Section 16." to "Section 19."

10 AMENDMENT NO. 88

11 On page 83, at the beginning of line 27, change "Section 17." to "Section 20."

12 AMENDMENT NO. 89

13 On page 83, at the beginning of line 30, change "Section 18." to "Section 21."

14 AMENDMENT NO. 90

15 On page 84, delete lines 1 through 13 and insert the following:

16 "department, contracts related to the operation and administration of the programs and
17 activities transferred to Louisiana Works by this Act shall be deemed to have been
18 transferred and assigned to Louisiana Works upon the effective date of this Section without
19 the necessity of contractual amendment, and Louisiana Works shall be solely responsible for
20 all related obligations and liabilities arising on or after that effective date.

21 (B) In order to ensure continuity of services during the transition period, any
22 pending"

23 AMENDMENT NO. 91

24 On page 85, at the beginning of line 14, change "Section 19." to "Section 22."

25 AMENDMENT NO. 92

26 On page 85, line 15, after "Section" change "7" to "8"

27 AMENDMENT NO. 93

28 On page 85, line 18, after "Section" change "10" to "14"

29 AMENDMENT NO. 94

30 On page 85, delete lines 22 through 28 and insert the following:

31 "Section 23.(A) The workforce development programs administered by the
32 Department of Children and Family Services shall be transferred to and administered by
33 Louisiana Works, or its successors. The workforce program includes those consolidated
34 under Skills Employment and Training, or "SET for Success", or successor programs, the
35 Child Support Enforcement Employment and Training Program,"

36 AMENDMENT NO. 95

37 On page 86, delete lines 19 through 21 and insert the following:

1 "Section 24.(A) The Disability Determination Services (DDS) program administered
2 by the Department of Children and Family Services shall be transferred to and administered
3 by the Louisiana Department"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 96

5 On page 86, at the beginning of line 30, change "Section 22." to "Section 25."

6 AMENDMENT NO. 97

7 On page 87, at the beginning of line 4, change "Section 23." to "Section 26."

8 AMENDMENT NO. 98

9 On page 87, delete lines 12 through 25 and insert the following:

10 "(B) All Department of Children and Family Services contracts related to the
11 operation and administration of the programs and activities transferred to the Louisiana
12 Department of Health by this Act shall be deemed to have been transferred and assigned to
13 the Louisiana Department of Health upon the effective date of this Section without the
14 necessity of contractual amendment, and the Louisiana Department of Health shall be solely
15 responsible for all related obligations and liabilities arising on or after that effective date.

16 (C) In order to ensure continuity of services during the transition period, any
17 pending"

18 AMENDMENT NO. 99

19 On page 88, delete lines 19 through 26 and insert the following:

20 "Section 27.(A) Sections 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 15, 16, 18, 20, 23, 24, and 26 of this Act
21 shall become effective on October 1, 2025.

22 (B) The provisions of Sections 8, 14, and 22 of this Act shall become effective when
23 Act No. 384 of the 2013 Regular Session of the Legislature becomes effective.

24 (C) Sections 1, 3, 5, 11, 13, 17, 19, 21, and 25 of this Act shall become effective
25 October 1, 2027."