

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 559

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1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 28:918(A) and to enact R.S. 28:914(E), relative to human
3 services district and authority boards; to provide for the hiring of executive directors
4 of the boards; to provide for duties and responsibilities of the boards; to provide for
5 reporting of the actions of the boards; to provide for monitoring of the boards; and
6 to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 28:918(A) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 28:914(E) is
9 hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §914. Requirements for districts and authorities; board education and awareness

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12 E.(1) Each district and authority board shall complete all of the following:

13 (a) Adopt consistent performance indicators to standardize reporting
14 outcomes.

15 (b) Conduct an assessment evaluating insurance and Medicaid billing to
16 ensure optimum billing practices to support self-generated revenue. Each board shall
17 report its findings to the department and make its findings publicly available online.

18 (c) Focus on primary care integration. Each board shall complete the
19 Integration Practice Assessment Tool (IPAT), report its findings to the department,
20 and make its findings publicly available online.

(d) Conduct annual patient satisfaction surveys, report its findings to the department, and make its findings publicly available online.

(e) Standardize processes and expand strategies to maximize financial viability to reduce reliance on state funding.

(f) Prepare an annual report summarizing a board's progress toward achieving statewide health goals as determined by the department.

(g) Hold an annual meeting to inform and educate elected officials on the work that the board is completing in its jurisdiction. Each board shall present at an annual meeting held in Baton Rouge. Each board shall prepare a presentation that includes, at a minimum, the information required by this Paragraph.

(2) The report required by Subparagraph (1)(e) of this Subsection shall include but not be limited to all of the following:

(a) An overview of programs and initiatives undertaken in the preceding
year.

(b) Metrics indicating performance and outcomes relative to the statewide health goals including patient surveys.

(c) Identified challenges and barriers to progress.

(d) Plans for improvement or adjustment in the upcoming year.

(3) The department shall compile the reports required by this Paragraph (2) of this Subsection and prepare a statewide summary for submission to the House Committee on Health and Welfare and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare by February first of each year.

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§918. Louisiana Department of Health; responsibility and authority to contract;
monitor; sanction

A. ~~The secretary, upon consultation with the human services districts and authorities,~~ secretary shall be responsible for policy, development, implementation, and monitoring of service provision of the statewide human services system to assure the appropriate and reasonable delivery of behavioral health, intellectual disability, and developmental disability services funded by appropriations from the state as well

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

APPROVED: _____