

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 381 (HB 559)

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New law provides for the duties of human services districts and boards (boards).

Existing law provides that the executive director of a board is hired by the board.

New law retains existing law.

New law directs the boards to complete all of the following:

- (1) Adopt consistent performance indicators.
- (2) Evaluate insurance and Medicaid billing practices.
- (3) Focus on primary care integration.
- (4) Conduct annual patient satisfaction surveys.
- (5) Reduce reliance on state funding.
- (6) Prepare an annual report that summarizes the board's progress toward achieving statewide health goals established by La. Dept. of Health (LDH).
- (7) Hold an annual meeting to inform and educate elected officials in Baton Rouge.

New law provides that the annual report required by new law shall include all of the following:

- (1) An overview of programs and initiatives undertaken in the preceding year.
- (2) Metrics indicating performance and outcomes relative to the statewide health goals.
- (3) Identified challenges and barriers to progress.
- (4) Plans for improvement or adjustment in the upcoming year.

New law provides that LDH shall establish criteria for the boards to evaluate their performance.

New law tasks LDH with compiling reports required by new law and providing a report to the legislature on Feb. 1st of each year.

Prior law provided that the secretary of LDH, upon consultation with the boards, shall be responsible for oversight of statewide human services systems.

New law provides that the secretary shall be responsible for oversight of statewide human services systems.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Amends R.S. 28:918(A); Adds R.S. 28:914(E))