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Present law provides for the following composition of the La. Dept. of Health: the executive office of the secretary, the office of the surgeon general, the office of management and finance, the office of public health, the office of behavioral health, the office for citizens with developmental disabilities, the office of aging and adult services, and the office on women's health and community health.

Proposed law adds the office of health and nutrition within the La. Dept. of Health.

Proposed law provides that the office is responsible for leading and coordinating the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), and the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) and for policy implementation of the SNAP within the department.

Proposed law provides for an executive director for the office that reports directly to the secretary.

Proposed law provides that the executive office of the secretary and the office of health and nutrition shall be under the direct supervision, direction, and control of the secretary of the La. Dept. of Health.

Proposed law authorizes the La. Dept. of Health to transfer funding and positions within the department to establish and implement the office of health and nutrition.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 36:251(C)(1), 254(B)(1)(a)(i), 257(A), and 258(A) and (B) and R.S. 46:450.3(A); adds R.S. 36:253.1, 258(N), and 258.1)