

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 761

BY REPRESENTATIVE HILFERTY

HEALTH/CANCER: Provides with respect to the advisory board created to recommend new treatments for rare cancers

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1076.1, relative to the advisory board for rare cancer
3 treatments; to provide for revisions to board composition; to provide for meetings
4 and reporting; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 22:1076.1 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §1076.1. Advisory board; composition; recommendations for treatment of rare
8 cancers; meetings; rulemaking

9 A. There is hereby created within the department an advisory board that shall
10 review and provide medical recommendations to approve new treatments for rare
11 cancers. The advisory board shall be composed of the following seventeen
12 members:

- 13 (1) The commissioner or his designee.
- 14 (2) The secretary or designee of the Louisiana Department of Health.
- 15 (3) The Medicaid Director or designee of the Louisiana Department of
16 Health.
- 17 (4) The surgeon general or his designee.
- 18 (5) The executive director or designee of Taking Aim at Cancer in Louisiana.
- 19 (6) The chief executive officer of the Louisiana Association of Health Plans.
- 20 (7) The chief medical officer or designee of a managed care organization.

- 1 (8) The director or designee of the Louisiana Tumor Registry.
- 2 (9) The director or designee of the Pennington Biomedical Research Center.
- 3 (10) A designee of the Louisiana Cancer Research Center.
- 4 (11) A designee of the LSU Health Sciences Center at New Orleans,
5 specializing in oncology.
- 6 (12) A designee of the Tulane Medical School, specializing in oncology.
- 7 (13) A designee of the Xavier Ochsner College of Medicine.
- 8 (14) ~~Two~~ Four oncologists specializing in the treatments of rare cancers.
- 9 B.(1) The chairperson of the advisory board shall be the executive director
10 or designee of the Louisiana Cancer Research Center.
- 11 (2) The advisory board shall hold quarterly public meetings unless otherwise
12 provided by vote of the advisory board or by order of the chairperson. Within ~~thirty~~
13 forty-five days of each meeting, the advisory board shall compile a report of its
14 findings and submit a formal written report to the ~~legislature~~ House Committee on
15 Insurance and the Senate Committee on Insurance.
- 16 C. The commissioner may promulgate and adopt administrative rules and
17 regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act as are necessary to
18 implement the provisions of this Section.

DIGEST

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HB 761 Engrossed

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Abstract: Revises the composition of the advisory board for rare cancer treatments and provides for meetings and reporting requirements.

Present law creates an advisory board within the Department of Insurance to review and provide medical recommendations for new treatments for rare cancers.

Present law provides that the chairperson of the advisory board is the executive director or designee of the Louisiana Cancer Research Center.

Proposed law revises the board's composition by increasing the number of oncologists who sit on the board.

Present law requires the advisory board to hold quarterly public meetings unless otherwise provided.

Proposed law changes the deadline for submitting written reports to the legislature from thirty to forty-five days after each meeting and also requires that the reports be submitted to the House and Senate committees on insurance, instead of the legislature.

Present law authorizes the commissioner to promulgate rules necessary to implement the provisions of present law.

Proposed law retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 22:1076.1)