

## SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 219

2026 Regular Session

McMath

**KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

HEALTH DEPARTMENT. Creates the office of health and nutrition within the Louisiana Department of Health. (10/1/26)

**SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL**

1. Changes effective date from governor's signature to October 1, 2026.

**DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

## DIGEST

SB 219 Reengrossed

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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.

Present law provides that the office of public health is responsible for functions which relate to the general health of the people of the state, including physical fitness and supplemental food programs for women, infants, and children.

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

Proposed law provides that the office is responsible for leading and coordinating efforts intended to promote health and nutrition, healthcare access, preventative healthcare services, chronic disease prevention and management programs, physical fitness, and health outcomes, including supplemental nutrition assistance services and commodity programs for women, infants, and children.

Proposed law further requires the office to coordinate with the office of aging and adult services and the office of public health to provide public education on risk reduction strategies for Alzheimer's and related dementias, included the diseases' links to other chronic diseases.

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 October 1, 2026.

(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)

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