

SENATE BILL NO. 219

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact 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) and to enact R.S. 36:253.1, 258(N), and 258.1, relative to the Louisiana Department of Health; to create the office of health and nutrition within the Louisiana Department of Health; to provide for purposes, duties, and functions of the office; to provide for an executive director of the office; to provide for offices under the direct supervision of the secretary; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 36:251(C)(1), 254(B)(1)(a)(i), 257(A), and 258(A) and (B) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 36:253.1, 258(N), and 258.1 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§251. Louisiana Department of Health; creation; domicile; composition; purpose and functions

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C.(1) The Louisiana Department of Health shall be composed of 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, the office on women's health and community health, **the office of health and nutrition**, and such other offices as shall be created by law.

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§253.1. Executive office of the secretary; certain offices

A. The provisions of this Section shall apply to the following offices within the Louisiana Department of Health:

(1) The executive office of the secretary.

(2) The office of health and nutrition.

B. The offices shall be under the direct supervision, direction, and

1 control of the secretary.

2 C. The duties and functions of these offices shall be determined by the
 3 secretary and shall be exercised under the direct supervision and control of the
 4 secretary.

5 §254. Powers and duties of the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health

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7 B. The secretary shall have authority to:

8 (1)(a) Except as otherwise specifically provided in R.S. 36:801 and 803:

9 (i) Employ, appoint, remove, assign, and promote such personnel as is
 10 necessary for the efficient administration of the executive office of the secretary **and**
 11 **the office of health and nutrition** and the performance of its **the offices'** powers,
 12 duties, functions, and responsibilities and such other personnel, who are not assigned
 13 to an office, as may be necessary for the efficient administration of the department
 14 and for the performance of the responsibilities, powers, duties, and functions of
 15 agencies transferred to it.

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17 §257. Assistant secretaries

18 A. Each office within the Louisiana Department of Health, except **the**
 19 **executive office of the secretary,** the office of management and finance, **the office**
 20 **of health and nutrition,** and the office of the surgeon general, shall be under the
 21 immediate supervision and direction of an assistant secretary, who shall be appointed
 22 by the governor with consent of the Senate. Each shall serve at the pleasure of the
 23 governor and shall be paid a salary which shall be fixed by the governor, which
 24 salary shall not exceed the amount approved for such position by the legislature
 25 while in session.

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27 §258. Offices; purposes and functions

28 A. The purposes for which the offices of the Louisiana Department of Health,
 29 **other than the executive office of the secretary and the office of management**
 30 **and finance,** are created shall be set forth in this Section.

