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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

SB 382

2026 Regular Session

Seabaugh

Keyword and summary of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

WORKERS' COMPENSATION. Provides relative to workers' compensation. (8/1/26)

Report adopts House amendments to:

1. Amend provisions of present law that permit annual adjustments to the reimbursement schedule.

Report rejects House amendments which would have:

1. Required the assistant secretary to reassess the reimbursement schedule and promulgate and implement any necessary adjustments no later than January 1, 2027.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Require the assistant secretary to reassess the reimbursement schedule and promulgate and implement any necessary adjustments no later than July 1, 2029.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Present law provides that the reimbursement schedule includes charges limited to the mean of the usual and customary charges for care, services, treatment, drugs, and supplies. Present law allows annual adjustments.

Proposed law retains present law and requires the assistant secretary to reassess the reimbursement schedule and implement necessary adjustments to the schedule by July 1, 2029.

Present law creates the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council (council) within Louisiana Works. Present law further provides that the council consists of 17 members who are domiciled in Louisiana and appointed by the governor to serve at the pleasure of the governor. Present law further provides relative to the duties of the council and members' immunity from liability under certain circumstances.

Present law further requires the council to review and make recommendations to the governor, through Louisiana Works, on any proposed rules affecting the administration or resolution of claims.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 23:1034.2(C)(1); repeals R.S. 23:1294 and R.S. 36:309(B)(2))