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John Smith SB No. 129

<u>Present law</u> (Code of Governmental Ethics) provides for ethical standards for elected officials, public employees, and certain other persons, including prohibited conflicts of interest involving payments from nonpublic sources, prohibited participation in transactions, prohibited contractual arrangements, prohibited gifts, abuse of office, nepotism, financial disclosure requirements, and ethics education requirements. Provides for definitions, exceptions, penalties, and enforcement.

<u>Proposed law</u> exempts a nonprofit entity operating a hospital in a building or facility owned by Hospital Service District Number Two of Beauregard Parish from the provisions of <u>present law</u> (Code of Governmental Ethics).

(Adds R.S.42:1123.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

<u>Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to the original bill</u>

1. Technical Amendment

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on House and Governmental</u> <u>Affairs</u> to the <u>engrossed</u> bill.

- 1. Removes proposed provisions to revise the definition of "public employee" for purposes of the ethics code.
- 2. Provides instead that the provisions of the ethics code shall not apply to any nonprofit entity that operates a hospital in a building or facility owned by the Hospital Service District Number Two of Beauregard Parish.