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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 28:451.2(2) and (15)(introductory paragraph), 451.3(A) and (C) through (G), 451.4(B), and 455.2(B), to enact R.S. 28:915(B)(9), and to repeal R.S. 28:451.2(23), relative to implementation of the Developmental Disability Law; to provide for responsibilities of human services authorities and districts within the developmental disabilities services system; to provide for functions of advisory committees of human services authorities and districts; to delete outdated references to regional offices and state developmental centers of the office for citizens with developmental disabilities within the Department of Health and Hospitals; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 28:451.2(2) and (15)(introductory paragraph), 451.3(A) and (C) through (G), 451.4(B), and 455.2(B) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 28:915(B)(9) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§451.2. Definitions

As used in this Chapter, the following words, terms, and phrases shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this Section, except when the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

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(2) "Administrative units" means developmental centers, ~~regional offices~~ and any other unit established under the administration and supervision of the office.

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1 (b) Receive timely information on the ~~budget of the office~~ budgets of their  
 2 respective human services authorities and districts, in addition to information on  
 3 implementation of all services and quality assurance reports by ~~the office~~ those  
 4 authorities and districts, and advise the ~~regional offices and human services~~  
 5 authorities and districts.

6 (c) Collaborate with the ~~regional offices and~~ human services authorities and  
 7 districts to develop outreach plans for each ~~region~~ geographic area. Such outreach  
 8 plans shall provide for public dissemination of information regarding developmental  
 9 disabilities and the services available through the ~~regional offices and~~ human  
 10 services authorities and districts.

11 (2) ~~These advisory committees~~ Each advisory committee shall be composed  
 12 of a minimum of twelve members who represent positions and philosophies held by  
 13 various groups and advocates for persons with developmental disabilities ~~and~~. The  
 14 membership of each advisory committee shall include, but not be limited to:

- 15 (a) Persons with developmental disabilities.
- 16 (b) Parents and family members representing a cross section of  
 17 developmental disabilities services.
- 18 (c) Private providers.
- 19 (d) Representatives of advocacy organizations and community stakeholders  
 20 representing a cross section of developmental disabilities services.
- 21 (e) Public providers and administrators of ~~regional~~ administrative units and  
 22 human services authorities and districts, who may be appointed as ad hoc, non-voting  
 23 members of ~~regional advisory committees~~ the advisory committee.

24 E. The ~~regional~~ local authority, organized as ~~either a regional office or a~~  
 25 human services authority or district, shall discharge the following duties:

- 26 (1) Appoint the committee members from names submitted by consumer,  
 27 provider, and advocacy groups, with the approval of the assistant secretary of the  
 28 office, who shall ensure that committee composition is in compliance with the state  
 29 law.

1                   (2) Sixty Ensure that at least sixty percent of the membership ~~shall be~~ of  
 2                   each committee is composed of persons with developmental disabilities and parents  
 3                   and family members representing a cross section of developmental disabilities  
 4                   services.

5                   F.(1) The office shall establish a state advisory committee which shall be  
 6                   organized as follows:

7                   ~~(a) Provide public input to the office regarding proposed regulations and the~~  
 8                   ~~development of state planning and budget.~~

9                   ~~(b)~~ (a) The state advisory committee shall consist of at least two people from  
 10                  each ~~region, authority,~~ human services authority or district advisory committee.

11                  ~~(c) Sixty~~ (b) At least sixty percent of the membership shall be comprised of  
 12                  persons with developmental disabilities and parents and family members  
 13                  representing a cross section of developmental disabilities services.

14                  ~~(2)~~ (c) The membership of the state advisory committee shall include at a  
 15                  minimum, but not be limited to the following:

16                  ~~(a)~~ (i) Persons with developmental disabilities.

17                  ~~(b)~~ (ii) Parents and family members representing persons who receive a cross  
 18                  section of developmental disabilities services.

19                  ~~(c)~~ (iii) Private providers.

20                  ~~(d)~~ (iv) A representative of the American Federation of State, County, and  
 21                  Municipal Employees Council #17.

22                  ~~(e)~~ (v) Representatives of advocacy organizations representing a cross section  
 23                  of developmental disabilities services.

24                  ~~(f)~~ (vi) Public providers and administrators of ~~regional~~ local administrative  
 25                  units and human services authorities and districts, who may be appointed as ad hoc,  
 26                  non-voting members of the state advisory committee.

27                  ~~(3)~~ (2) The assistant secretary of the office shall appoint the committee  
 28                  members, with the approval of the secretary of the department, from names  
 29                  submitted by the regional advisory committees.



