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2016 Regular Session

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SENATE BILL NO. 114

BY SENATOR LAFLEUR

HEALTH/HOSPITALS DEPT. Requires approval by the governing board for any salary adjustments or cost of living adjustments for certain boards under the authority of the Department of Health and Hospitals. (gov sig)

AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 36:254(L), relative to the powers and duties of the secretary; to provide for approval for salary adjustments or cost of living adjustments; to provide for covered 3 management boards; to provide for covered human services districts; to provide for 4 5 an effective date; and to provide for related matters. 6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 7 Section 1. R.S. 36:254(L) is hereby enacted to read as follows: 8 §254. Powers and duties of the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals 9 L. Any salary adjustment or cost of living adjustment for any employee 10 11 or board member of a board, entity, agency, or commission transferred to the Department of Health and Hospitals and enumerated in R.S. 36:259 or any 12 13 employee of a human services district established and enumerated in R.S. 28:912 shall not be granted in any year after a deficit is declared without 14 15 express written approval of two-thirds of the members of the respective governing board. The express written approval shall be submitted to the 16 secretary in accordance with the reporting provided for in R.S. 36:803. 17

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Christine Arbo Peck.

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<u>Proposed law</u> requires the governing boards under the direction of DHH to give express written approval by two-thirds of their members for any salary adjustment or cost of living adjustment, and requires the governing board to submit the express written approval to the secretary of DHH for inclusion in the documentation retained by the department under <u>present law</u>.

Effective upon signature of the governor or upon lapse of gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 36:254(L))

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Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill

1. Changed requirement that the secretary of DHH issue express written approval for salary adjustments or cost of living adjustments for certain boards under the authority of DHH to a requirement that the governing board provide express written approval by two-thirds vote of the board members and submit the express written approval to the secretary of DHH.