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SENATE BILL NO. 466

BY SENATOR HEWITT AND REPRESENTATIVE WILLMOTT

2	To enact R.S. 17:1519.2(C), relative to public hospitals administered by the Board of
3	Supervisors of Louisiana State University; to provide for a procedure for the board
4	and the commissioner of administration to seek approval from the Joint Legislative
5	Committee on the Budget and the legislature to proceed with a sale of any hospital;
6	to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.
7	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
8	Section 1. R.S. 17:1519.2(C) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
9	§1519.2. State hospitals operated by the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State
10	University and Agricultural and Mechanical College as part of the
11	Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center
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13	C.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in the event
14	the board determines it is in the best interest of the state, the legislature has
15	authorized the closure of a hospital, and the building is no longer being utilized

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for the provision of healthcare services, or the board receives an inquiry from a financially viable party regarding the purchase of a hospital listed in Subsection B of this Section, hereinafter referred to as the property, the board shall notify the commissioner of administration within five business days that it is contemplating the option of selling the property or is in receipt of such an inquiry. The board shall participate in and cooperate with the commissioner of administration in reviewing the benefits and consequences of selling the property.

(2) The review by the board and the commissioner of administration shall include, at a minimum, an assessment of the impact a sale of the property may have on the provision of healthcare in the region, the impact on graduate medical education, any contractual or operational issues with other parties that need to be addressed prior to executing a contract of sale, purchase agreement, or other type of agreement, and a cost-benefit analysis addressing the potential short-term and long-term financial advantages and disadvantages of proceeding with the sale. The commissioner shall also obtain fair market value appraisals from up to three Louisiana certified appraisers to ascertain the current value of the property. A report of such information and the recommendations of the board and the commissioner shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget immediately upon its completion.

(3) Prior to taking any action which would result or is expected to result in the sale of the property as provided by law, the commissioner of administration shall notify the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget in writing that the board and commissioner are recommending that the state proceed with such a sale. The commissioner shall instruct the board to contact the committee to request preliminary authorization to pursue the sale of the property based upon the positive outcome of the review provided for in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection. The committee shall consider the board's request no less than thirty days after the date that it is submitted to the committee. If the board's request is approved by the committee, it shall be

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members of each house of the legislature. If the legislature is not in session, approval of the legislature may be obtained in accordance with the procedures provided in R.S. 39:87.

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 41:140 to the contrary, upon receipt of the approval by the committee and legislature to proceed with the exploration of the sale of the property, the board shall work with the commissioner to develop a solicitation for offers to sell the property, fixing the minimum price and terms of sale to be made with reference to the property. The solicitation shall be developed such that it is within the parameters approved by the committee and the legislature. Upon completion of the solicitation, the board shall advertise the solicitation for offers electronically for forty-five days and shall also advertise in the newspapers in general circulation in the municipality where the property is located and in major metropolitan areas across the state for a minimum of three times in forty-five days. During this period, the board and the commissioner shall resolve any outstanding contractual or operational issues with other parties that may affect the sale of the property. The board and the commissioner shall review the offers and negotiate with the respondents for a period of no less than thirty days. If the board and commissioner agree that an acceptable offer has been received, then the board shall submit the proposed agreement to the committee for its review and approval. The agreement shall be within the preliminary parameters approved by the committee and the legislature. The committee shall consider the proposed agreement not less than thirty days after submission of the agreement. No agreement shall be officially confected prior to approval of the committee.

(5) Nothing contained in this Subsection, nor any approval of the committee or legislature relative to a proposed sale, shall be construed as authorizing the board to close a hospital or an emergency room or absolving the board of its responsibilities for any medical center as provided by law.

Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall terminate on December 31, 2019.

Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not 2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature 3 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If 4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval. 5 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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