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<u>Proposed law</u> establishes legislative intent for the modernization of the statutes governing the human services districts and authorities to clarify their purpose in the health delivery spectrum.

<u>Present law</u> provides definitions. <u>Proposed law</u> deletes obsolete definitions to conform with modernization of the statutes regarding human services districts and authorities.

<u>Present law</u> establishes the statutory governance area for each of the human services districts and authorities. <u>Proposed law</u> updates <u>present law</u> to include the districts that have been formally named since the statue was last updated.

<u>Proposed law</u> adds expertise in the fields of law enforcement, the judiciary, with particular emphasis on specialty courts, school-based health care, and the coroner's office as the qualifications for the governing authority of the parish shall include when nominating individuals as appointees are replaced due to vacancy.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires a minimum number of professionals and consumers with experience in the fields of developmental disability, mental health, and addictive disorders on each board. <u>Proposed law</u> adds these members immediately if they are not already represented by current board membership and reduces the total number of board members back to the number established in present law as board member terms expire.

<u>Present law</u> establishes requirements for the inception and readiness assessment phase of the statewide human services districts. <u>Proposed law</u> updates requirements for board member education and training and affirms the district and authorities role in providing community services in partnership with the local law enforcement and judicial offices, including allowance of sole source contracts to provide services for individuals in those systems.

<u>Present law</u> creates a human services interagency council. <u>Proposed law</u> clarifies the purpose and charge of the council and requires meetings and discussion of certain operational matters.

<u>Present law</u> requires the department to submit a report to the legislature on the services and financial status of the districts and authorities. <u>Proposed law</u> clarifies the data to be included in the report and provides for an oversight hearing by the Senate and House committees on health and welfare.

<u>Present law</u> requires the department to provide adequate funding appropriate for the delivery of services. <u>Proposed law</u> establishes a funding analysis, to be conducted in consultation with the districts and authorities, based on quality outcomes.

<u>Present law</u> provides for the department to impose sanctions on the districts and authorities for noncompliance with their contract. <u>Proposed law</u> specifies that the sanctions may be requiring a plan of correction or assuming temporary management of the district or authority. If the sanction is a plan of correction, the Senate and House committees on health and welfare must be notified. If the sanction is temporary management, the department must get the approval of the Senate and House committees on health and welfare.

<u>Present law</u> establishes a state funded program for cash subsidies for families with persons with developmental disabilities (R.S. 28:821). <u>Proposed law</u> requires the human services districts and authorities to consider as a board, and in their contract with the department, their responsibilities in implementing this program.

Present law includes separate but duplicative Chapters of law for the establishment of the Jefferson Parish Human Services Authority (R.S. 28:831), Florida Parishes Human Services Authority (Ch. 16), Metropolitan Human Services District (Ch. 17), South Central Louisiana Human Services Authority (Ch. 18), Northeast Delta Human Services Authority (Ch. 19), and Capitol Area Human Services District (Ch. 20). Proposed law repeals present law to consolidate these districts and authorities into the Statewide Human Services Delivery (Ch. 21) provisions to establish consistency and cohesiveness while also retaining the autonomy, geographical catchment area, and any unique provisions of each individual district or authority.

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

(Amends R.S. 28:911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, and 918; adds R.S. 28:910, 913.1, 913.2, 913.3, 913.4, 913.5, 913.6, and 913.7; repeals R.S. 28:831, R.S. 28:851-856, R.S. 28:861-866, R.S. 28:871-876, R.S. 28:891-896, and R.S. 28:901-906, and R.S. 28:919 and 920)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

- 1. Restores <u>present law</u> regarding the human services accountability plan and the human services framework.
- 2. Requires a minimum number of professionals and consumers on each human service district and authority board in the fields of developmental disability, addictive disorder, and mental health. Places them on the board immediately upon passage of proposed law and reduces the board the their statutory capacity as current member's terms expire.
- 3. Requires the human service district and authority boards to prioritize the services established in the Community and Family Support System provisions of law at R.S. 28:821, et seq.

- 4. Clarifies that the Louisiana Department of Health is responsible for submitting an annual report to the legislature on the operations of the human service districts and authorities and provides for an oversight hearing on the report by the Senate and House committees on health and welfare.
- 5. Clarifies the funding assessment that the department must conduct regarding the human services districts and authorities and establishes quality outcome and reporting requirements as a condition of contracting with the department or receiving funding.
- 6. Restores the secretary as the chairman of the Human Services Interagency Council.
- 7. Restores <u>present law</u> regarding sanctions and clarifies that the department may require a plan of correction and if so, must provide notice to the Senate and House committees on health and welfare. If there is threat to public health or well-being, the department may take temporary management of the district or authority, but can only do so with the approval of the Senate and House committees on health and welfare.
- 8. Provides for survey and monitoring of the districts and authorities by the department.
- 9. Makes technical corrections.