2019 Regular Session

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## **ACT No. 313**

HOUSE BILL NO. 368

## BY REPRESENTATIVE MOSS

2	To amend and reenact R.S. 37:2405(A)(9) and to enact R.S. 37:2405(B)(15) and (D),
3	relative to the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board; to provide for the powers, duties,
4	and limitations of the board; to provide for the collection of a core set of data
5	elements; to provide for the creation of a healthcare workforce database; to provide
6	for agreements the board may enter into with private or public entities to maintain
7	such database; to provide for reports of allegations of professional sexual
8	misconduct; to provide for training of the board and staff members relative to
9	mistreatment by licensees; and to provide for related matters.
10	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
11	Section 1. R.S. 37:2405(A)(9) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
12	37:2405(B)(15) and (D) are hereby enacted to read as follows:
13	§2405. Powers and duties of the board; limitation
14	A. The responsibility for enforcement of the provisions of this Chapter is
15	hereby vested in the board, which shall have all the powers, duties, and authority
16	specifically granted by or necessary for the enforcement of this Chapter, including:
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18	(9)(a) Reporting annually to the governor and to the presiding officer of each
19	house of the legislature on the condition of the practice of physical therapy in the
20	state, making recommendations for improvement of the practice of physical therapy
21	or the operation of the board, and submitting a record of the proceedings of the board
22	during the year, together with the names of all physical therapists and physical
23	therapist assistants to whom the board issued licenses during the year.

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1 (b) The report shall also include the number of complaints received by the 2 Physical Therapy Board regarding allegations of professional sexual misconduct and 3 the status of each complaint. 4 B. The board may: 5 6 (15) Determine and collect, at the time of new licensure and licensure 7 renewal, a core set of data elements deemed necessary for the purpose of workforce 8 planning. The data elements shall be used to create and maintain a healthcare 9 workforce database. The board may enter into agreements with a private or public 10 entity to establish and maintain the database, perform data analysis, and prepare 11 reports concerning the physical therapy workforce. The board shall promulgate rules 12 to perform duties pursuant to this Paragraph. 13 14 D. The Board shall: 15 (1) Submit to a review of its disciplinary process and procedures by the state 16 inspector general or by an independent qualified external auditor recommended by 17 the state inspector general at least every five years. 18 (2) Require training of all board members and staff members in effective 19 communication with complainants, particularly members of vulnerable populations 20 who allege mistreatment by licensees. SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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