

2020 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 116

BY SENATOR TALBOT

GROUP BENEFITS PROGRAM. Abolishes the Group Benefits Estimating Conference.  
(8/1/20)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 42:881 and R.S. 46:802(B)(7) and to repeal R.S. 39:21.3(G),  
3 relative to the Group Benefits Estimating Conference; to abolish the Group Benefits  
4 Estimating Conference; to repeal the duties and membership of the Group Benefits  
5 Estimating Conference; to remove references to the Group Benefits Estimating  
6 Conference; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 42:881 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §881. Establishment of the Group Benefits Policy and Planning Board

10 ~~A.~~ There is hereby established the Group Benefits Policy and Planning Board  
11 within the Office of Group Benefits. The board shall review and recommend life and  
12 health benefit programs offered to eligible employees, including the proposed rate  
13 structure ~~which~~ that will support the life and health benefit plan. At least annually,  
14 the chief executive officer shall submit any proposed changes to the rate structure  
15 and the associated life and health benefits programs to the board to review and  
16 recommend prior to the final adoption of the plan. The plan submitted by the chief  
17 executive officer shall include an estimate of the costs and an estimated rate structure



- (1) A member of the professional staff of the office of the governor to be appointed by the governor.
- (2) A member of the professional staff of the division of administration to be appointed by the commissioner of administration.
- (3) A member of the professional staff of the legislature with fiscal expertise to be appointed by the president of the Senate.
- (4) A member of the professional staff of the legislature with fiscal experience to be appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (5) A member of the professional staff of the Office of Group Benefits with fiscal experience to be appointed by the commissioner of administration.
- (6) An individual with a minimum of five years professional experience or fiscal expertise in the industries of health insurance, actuarial services, financial services, or banking to be selected by the other principals from a list of no more than two names submitted by each of the following: the commissioner of insurance, the commissioner of financial institutions, and the legislative auditor.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law requires the Group Benefits Policy and Planning Board to use any official information provided by the Group Benefits Estimating Conference as may be necessary in the review of benefits plans and proposed rate structures required by present law.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law requires the commissioner of administration, the chief executive officer of the Office of Group Benefits, and the Policy and Planning Board to use any official information developed, gathered, and presented to the parties by the Group Benefits Estimating Conference in the development of premium rates.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Effective August 1, 2020.

(Amends R.S. 42:881 and R.S. 46:802(B)(7); repeals R.S. 39:21.3(G))