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Present law provides for the La. Commission on the Deaf, within the La. Dept. of Health (LDH). Proposed law retains present law and further provides that the commission shall function as a program of the state and serve as the principal agency of the state providing leadership to promote the general welfare of d/Deaf, DeafBlind, and hard of hearing individuals.

Present law provides for the membership of the commission. Proposed law provides that the commission shall be governed by a board and updates the membership to add the executive director of the governor's office of disability affairs and a public member who is DeafBlind.

Present law provides for the duties and powers of the commission. Proposed law provides for and updates the duties and powers of the commission and the governing board.

Present law provides for a director of the commission. Proposed law retains present law but updates the qualifications of the director, and requires the secretary of LDH to consider the recommendations of the board in the hiring and termination processes of the director.

Proposed law effective August 1, 2022, with the exception of proposed law relative to Act 384 of the 2013 Regular Session.

(Amends R.S. 46:2351-2354; adds R.S. 46:2355; repeals R.S. 46:2356)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Amends the definition of "deaf", "deafblind", and "hard of hearing" and deletes unnecessary definitions.

2. Makes technical changes.