

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 829

BY REPRESENTATIVE LYONS

HEALTH/LDH: Provides relative to the Louisiana State Interagency Coordinating Council for EarlySteps: Louisiana's Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities and Their Families

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 28:470(A) and (D), to enact R.S. 36:259(D)(9), and to repeal
3 R.S. 36:4(B)(30), relative to the Louisiana State Agency Interagency Coordinating
4 Council for EarlySteps: Louisiana's Early Intervention Program for Infants and
5 Toddlers with Disabilities and Their Families; to transfer the powers, duties,
6 functions, and responsibilities of the EarlySteps Program to the Louisiana
7 Department of Health; to transfer the EarlySteps Program to the Louisiana
8 Department of Health; to assign certain duties to the administrator of the program;
9 to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 28:470(A) and (D) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
12 follows:

13 §470. Louisiana State Interagency Coordinating Council for EarlySteps: Louisiana's
14 Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities and
15 Their Families

16 A. The Louisiana State Interagency Coordinating Council for EarlySteps:
17 Louisiana's Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities
18 and Their Families is hereby created within the Louisiana Department of Health. All
19 council members shall be appointed by the governor who shall also appoint the
20 chairperson. No member of the council who is a representative of the department

Proposed law requires the executive director described in present law to be hired as an unclassified employee of the office of LDH, office for citizens with developmental disabilities.

Present law provides that the cost of maintaining the functions of the executive director and council shall be specified by an interagency agreement between LDH and the office of the governor. Proposed law removes present law provision.

Proposed law requires the executive director to provide administrative support to the state interagency council and act as a resource to the state interagency coordinating council regarding the EarlySteps Program.

Proposed law repeals the present law provision that transfers the Louisiana State Interagency Coordinating Council for EarlySteps: Louisiana's Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities and Their Families and its powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities to the office of the governor.

Proposed law retains present law and transfers the EarlySteps program to LDH. Proposed law provides that the EarlySteps program shall exercise and perform its powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities in accordance with the provisions of present law.

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

(Amends R.S. 28:470(A) and (D); Adds R.S. 36:259(D)(9); Repeals R.S. 36:4(B)(30))