

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 761

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1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 22:1076.1, relative to the advisory board for rare cancer
3 treatments; to provide for revisions to board composition; to provide for meetings
4 and reporting; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 22:1076.1 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §1076.1. Advisory board; composition; recommendations for treatment of rare
8 cancers; meetings; rulemaking

9 A. There is hereby created within the department an advisory board that shall
10 review and provide medical recommendations to approve new treatments for rare
11 cancers. The advisory board shall be composed of the following seventeen
12 members:

- 13 (1) The commissioner or his designee.
- 14 (2) The secretary or designee of the Louisiana Department of Health.
- 15 (3) The Medicaid Director or designee of the Louisiana Department of
16 Health.
- 17 (4) The surgeon general or his designee.
- 18 (5) The executive director or designee of ~~Taking Aim at Cancer in Louisiana~~
19 the Cancer Association of Louisiana.
- 20 (6) The chief executive officer of the Louisiana Association of Health Plans.
- 21 (7) The chief medical officer or designee of a managed care organization.
- 22 (8) The director or designee of the Louisiana Tumor Registry.
- 23 (9) The director or designee of the Pennington Biomedical Research Center.
- 24 (10) A designee of the Louisiana Cancer Research Center.

1 (11) A designee of the LSU Health Sciences Center at New Orleans,
2 specializing in oncology.

3 (12) A designee of the Tulane Medical School, specializing in oncology.

4 (13) A designee of the Xavier Ochsner College of Medicine.

5 (14) ~~Two~~ Four oncologists specializing in the treatments of rare cancers.

6 B.(1) The chairperson of the advisory board shall be the executive director
7 or designee of the Louisiana Cancer Research Center.

8 (2) The advisory board shall hold quarterly public meetings unless otherwise
9 provided by vote of the advisory board or by order of the chairperson. ~~Within thirty~~
10 No later than forty-five days of after each meeting, the advisory board shall compile
11 a report of its findings and submit a formal written report to the legislature House
12 Committee on Insurance and the Senate Committee on Insurance.

13 C. The commissioner may promulgate and adopt administrative rules and
14 regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act as are necessary to
15 implement the provisions of this Section.

16 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
17 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
18 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
19 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
20 effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____