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DIGEST

<u>Present law</u> provides for the medication attendant certification pilot program for certified nurse aides which statutorily terminates on August 1, 2011.

Proposed law makes the medication attendant certification program a permanent program.

<u>Present law</u> requires DHH to submit annual reports to the Senate and House committees on health and welfare and a final report by January 31, 2011.

<u>Proposed law</u> changes the reporting requirement and mandates interim reports to the Senate and House committees on health and welfare when requested for purposes of performance evaluation.

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes LCTCS to develop and maintain a clinical preceptor nurse aide training program in accordance with federal law and regulation.

Effective August 15, 2011.

(Amends R.S. 37:1026.1 and 1026.6(B)(10); adds R.S. 40:1300.21 - 1300.22; repeals R.S. 37:1026.9)