

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE BILL NO. 618

BY SENATOR NEVERS

LSU SYSTEM. Provides for the Louisiana State University Health Services Center-New Orleans. (8/1/12)

1 AN ACT
2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:1519.3, relative to the Louisiana State University Health
3 Sciences Center-New Orleans; to provide for certain hospitals and their operations;
4 and to provide for related matters.
5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6 Section 1. R.S. 17:1519.3 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
7 §1519.3. Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-New Orleans; health
8 care services division organization
9 A. The division and its component hospitals shall be under the immediate
10 direction and control of ~~the~~ LSU HSC–NO subject to the overall direction,
11 supervision, and management of the board.
12 B. No hospital nor any emergency room may be closed without legislative
13 approval. ~~Such~~ The approval may be granted by the legislature either by concurrent
14 resolution or by appropriate action in the General Appropriation Act.
15 C. The board or the division shall not authorize a hospital to reduce health
16 care services provided by ~~any~~ one of the hospitals of the Health Care Services
17 Division in any manner which causes expenditures of any hospital to be reduced on

1 an annualized basis by greater than thirty-five percent of the previous fiscal year
2 actual spending level. If any services are reduced by greater than fifteen percent in
3 any one year, legislative approval must be obtained before reducing such services
4 greater than fifteen percent in any year for the next three years. Funding may be
5 provided by any local, regional, state, federal, or private sources to augment existing
6 funding or to restore reduced funding.

7 D. In no event shall emergency medical ~~treatment~~ **treatments** be denied to
8 anyone in the nearest general hospital owned or operated by the board.

9 E. Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-New Orleans shall
10 furnish to the Senate and House committees on health and welfare the same reports
11 that are prepared quarterly and submitted to the Joint Legislative Committee on the
12 Budget. ~~Such~~ **The** reports shall be submitted at the same time that they are made
13 available to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.

14 F. Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-New Orleans shall
15 furnish to the Senate and House committees on health and welfare the same reports
16 that are furnished to the Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors. ~~Such~~ **The**
17 report shall be submitted at the same time that they are made available to the Board
18 of Supervisors. ~~Such~~ **The** reports shall include but not be limited to a fiscal year
19 overview and any planned reductions at division hospitals.

20 G. Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-New Orleans shall
21 furnish to the Senate and House committees on health and welfare quarterly reports,
22 individually by **the** hospital, on the length of time that patients wait for services
23 provided by the division hospitals.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Christopher D. Adams.

DIGEST

Proposed law provides certain technical phraseological changes related to the duties imposed upon the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-New Orleans.

Effective August 1, 2012.

(Amends R.S. 17:1519.3)