

Regular Session, 1999

HOUSE BILL NO. 1774

BY REPRESENTATIVES DURAND AND CLARKSON

AN ACT

To enact Chapter 29 of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 40:2741 through 2745, relative to public health; to create the Louisiana Healthy People 2010 Planning Council in the Department of Health and Hospitals; to provide for the office of public health in the Department of Health and Hospitals to design a process for a state plan for Healthy People 2010 prior to the convening of the council; to provide for the council to convene and further develop and achieve the final implementation of the Louisiana Healthy People 2010 State Plan; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for powers, duties, and functions of the council; to provide for membership of the council; to provide for periodic reports to the legislature; to provide for termination of the council; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Chapter 29 of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 40:2741 through 2745, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

CHAPTER 29. LOUISIANA HEALTHY PEOPLE 2010

PLANNING COUNCIL

§2741. Legislative findings

A. The legislature recognizes that Healthy People 2010 is the national prevention initiative developed under the leadership of the

Surgeon General of the United States and the public health community through the nation in a document entitled *Healthy People 2010 Objectives*, which identifies opportunities to improve the overall quality of life and health of all Americans.

B. The legislature further finds that Healthy People 2010 carries forward a process that began with the publication of the U.S. Surgeon General's report *Healthy People* and subsequent publication *Promoting Health, Preventing Disease: 1990 Health Objectives for the Nation*, and *Healthy People 2000*.

C. The legislature acknowledges that Louisiana will be called upon to develop its own set of objectives based on *Healthy People 2010 Objectives*.

D. The legislature finds that the creation of a Healthy People 2010 Planning Council in Louisiana will ensure a broad-based approach to the goal of improving the overall health of all Louisiana citizens.

E. The legislature notes that the objectives of Healthy People 2010 coincide with Goal Number 3 of the Governor's Louisiana Vision 20/20, which focuses on strategies to improve the quality of life of Louisiana's citizens.

F. The legislature recognizes that as Louisiana looks toward the overall health of its citizens, a Healthy People 2010 initiative must involve all state agencies which, in some way, through the services, programs, or work objectives they provide, have an impact on the health of the citizens of Louisiana.

G. The legislature also recognizes that a Healthy People 2010 initiative should involve persons representing a myriad of public,

private, professional, educational, trade, volunteer, and advocacy organizations in order to ensure that all Louisiana citizens are represented as the planning council formulates the Louisiana Healthy People 2010 State Plan.

H. The Department of Health and Hospitals, through its office of public health, has participated in the development of *Healthy People 2010 Objectives* and has primary responsibility for the development of the Annual Health Report Card and is currently participating in the development of a Louisiana Health Improvement Plan as part of the Louisiana Turning Point Initiative.

§2742. Office of public health preliminary process

A. Beginning September 1, 1999, the office of public health, in preparation for the eventual convening of the Louisiana Healthy People 2010 Planning Council, shall take preliminary steps to design a process for the implementation of a Healthy People 2010 State Plan.

B. As part of its preliminary planning, the office of public health shall compile and organize available information on mortality, disability, and behavioral risk factors associated with disease, identify data already being compiled by state agencies regarding health-related factors which have an impact on the overall health of the people of the state, and develop preliminary recommendations for the collection of data in the future which would contribute to realization of the goals of the Louisiana Healthy People 2010 Planning Council, to develop and implement an effective Healthy People 2010 State Plan for Louisiana.

C. The office of public health shall also complete other such preliminary steps as will assure the most productive use of time and resources when the council convenes.

§2743. The Louisiana Healthy People 2010 Planning Council; creation; duration

In order to address its findings, the legislature hereby creates the Louisiana Healthy People 2010 Planning Council, hereinafter referred to as the "council" to be housed within the Department of Health and Hospitals, and administered by the Department of Health and Hospitals through the office of public health. The council shall be in existence for the period from September 1, 2000 to March 31, 2003. The council may accept and expend grants and donations, including staff support and in-kind resources, from any source, including federal, state, public, and private entities, to assist it to carry out its functions.

§2744. Powers, functions, and duties

The powers, functions, and duties of the council shall include the final development and plan for implementation of a Louisiana Healthy People 2010 State Plan, hereinafter the "plan", which shall contain at the least the following elements:

(1) The plan shall be designed to increase the span of healthy and worthwhile life, to eliminate health disparities, and to achieve access to preventive services, for all people in the state of Louisiana.

(2) The plan shall build upon the concepts of Goal Number 3 of the Governor's Louisiana Vision 20/20 Plan by emphasizing issues of quality of life.

(3) The plan shall, to the extent possible, embrace and build upon the concepts outlined in *Healthy People 2010 Objectives*, the underlying document of the Healthy People 2010 national prevention initiative developed under the leadership of the Surgeon General of the United States and the public health community through the nation.

(4) The plan shall include the development of benchmarks by which to measure the success of the various aspects of the plan.

(5) The plan shall include an overall framework for the state's health promotion programs.

(6) The plan shall consider the recommendations and other information developed by the office of public health in its preliminary process.

§2745. Members; organization; meetings; reports

A. The council shall convene for its first meeting no later than September 1, 2000. At the first meeting, the executive director, chairman, and vice chairman of the council shall be appointed by the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals. The council shall be staffed by one paid staff person to assist with the business of the council, and may have other staff as available from the office of public health. The office of public health shall be responsible for administering the business of the council, including coordination of the development of the plan, and preparation and submission of any recommendations and reports of the council regarding the plan. The council may adopt such rules of procedure as are necessary to conduct its business.

B. The council shall be composed of members representing state and local government, the private medical community, nonprofit and trade associations, insurance companies, volunteer organizations, advocacy groups, universities, and shall at a minimum, include members as follows:

(1) A member of the Louisiana House of Representatives to be appointed by the speaker of the House.

(2) A member of the Louisiana Senate to be appointed by the president of the Senate.

(3) Two representatives of the office of the governor, to be appointed by the governor.

(4) The chancellor of the Louisiana State University Medical Center or his designee.

(5) The chancellor of the Tulane University Medical Center or his designee.

(6) The program director of the Louisiana Area Health Education Centers.

(7) The assistant secretary of the office of public health of the Department of Health and Hospitals.

(8) The secretary of the Department of Social Services or his designee.

(9) The secretary of the Department of Economic Development or his designee.

(10) The secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality or his designee.

(11) The secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development or his designee.

(12) The secretary of the Department of Labor or his designee.

(13) The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections or his designee.

(14) The superintendent of education or his designee.

(15) The commissioner of insurance or his designee.

(16) The president of the Louisiana State Medical Society or his designee.

(17) The president of the Louisiana State Nurses Association or his designee.

(18) The president of the Louisiana Public Health Association or his designee.

(19) A representative from the Louisiana state office of the American Association of Retired Persons.

(20) Four representatives of the public at large to be selected from a list submitted by the council members to the assistant secretary of the office of public health consisting of an African-American, a Hispanic, a person with special needs, and a person suffering from a mental illness.

(21) A representative from the division of administration to be appointed by the commissioner of administration.

(22) The president of the Louisiana Physical Therapy Association or his designee.

(23) The president of the Louisiana Hospital Association or his designee.

(24) The executive director of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy or his designee.

(25) The executive director of the Louisiana Maternal and Child Health Coalition or his designee.

(26) The president of the Louisiana Medical Association or his designee.

C. All members shall serve without compensation, except that all council members shall receive reimbursement for travel related to council business.

D. The council shall meet at least quarterly. Meetings shall also be held on call of the chairman or at the request of at least eight members of the council.

E. The council shall submit periodic reports to the legislature regarding its progress in development of the plan. The council shall submit its final report, including proposed legislation if necessary, to the governor and to the House and Senate Health and Welfare Committees, prior to the convening of the 2003 legislative session. Such final report shall include a comprehensive state plan for implementation of services and programs in the state of Louisiana to improve the overall health and quality of life of the citizens of the state of Louisiana, and an estimate of the cost of implementation of such a plan.

F. All departments, boards, agencies, officers, and institutions of the state and all subdivisions thereof shall cooperate with the council in carrying out its purposes pursuant to this Chapter.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____