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## DIGEST

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HB 177 Engrossed

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Whitney

**Abstract:** Provides relative to roles of human services authorities and districts in implementation of the Developmental Disability Law and deletes references to regional offices and state developmental centers of the Dept. of Health and Hospitals that are no longer in operation.

Present law known as the "Developmental Disability Law" (R.S. 28:451.1 et seq.) provides for a statewide system of services to be administered by the office for citizens with developmental disabilities of the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH).

Proposed law makes the following revisions to present law:

- (1) Clarifies roles and responsibilities of human services authorities and districts within the developmental disabilities services system.
- (2) Deletes references to regional offices and state developmental centers of DHH that are no longer in operation.
- (3) Deletes the defined term "regional office" and its corresponding definition.
- (4) Amends provisions referring to certain advisory committees and planning processes to specify that such groups and functions are local instead of regional.
- (5) Makes technical changes.

Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

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

(Amends R.S. 28:451.2(2) and (15)(intro. para.), 451.3(A) and (C)-(G), 451.4(B), and 455.2(B); Adds R.S. 28:915(B)(9); Repeals R.S. 28:451.2(23))

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Make a grammatical correction.

