

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 479

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEBAS

HEALTH/LDH: Requires the Louisiana Department of Health to present an annual report to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget on efforts to encourage expansion and development of FQHC's

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1185.5, relative to the Federally Qualified Health Center and  
3 Rural Health Clinic Expansion Act; to require the Louisiana Department of Health  
4 prepare an annual report to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget on the  
5 status of efforts to encourage expansion of and development of federally qualified  
6 health care centers; to provide for requesting certain budget information from the  
7 Louisiana Primary Care Association for inclusion in the report; and to provide for  
8 related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 40:1185.5 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

11 §1185.5. Required reporting, budget consideration

12 A. The department shall provide copies of the plan and present a report to  
13 the Senate and House health and welfare committees by September 30, 2004, on the  
14 initial long-term plan. In development of budget requests, the department shall take  
15 into consideration the provisions of the plan and the policy enunciated in this Part.

16 B. The department shall present a report to the Joint Legislative Committee  
17 on the Budget annually to detail statewide efforts that have been made to encourage  
18 expansion and development of federally qualified health centers, to provide primary  
19 health care services to the uninsured and underinsured. The department, in compiling

1        the report, shall collaborate with the Louisiana Primary Care Association. The  
2        department shall request the following information from the Louisiana Primary Care  
3        Association annually, and include the information received in its report: current  
4        organizational itemized budget data including grants received by source, total assets,  
5        liabilities, expenditures including salaries and wages, employee benefits, consulting  
6        and contracted services, travel and conferences, meetings and training, donations,  
7        and insurances general and administrative.

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#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires the La. Dept. of Health present an annual report to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget of efforts to expand FQHC's, including budget information of the La. Primary Care Association.

Proposed law requires the La. Dept. of Health (LDH) to present an annual report to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget of statewide efforts to encourage expansion and development of federally qualified health centers (FQHC's) to provide primary health care services to the uninsured and underinsured. Requires LDH to collaborate with the La. Primary Care Assn. and request that the association provide certain specified budget data regarding assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenditures for inclusion in the report.

(Amends R.S. 40:1185.5)