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HOUSE BILL NO. 867

BY REPRESENTATIVE ORTEGO

HEALTH: Authorizes a cooperative endeavor between University Medical Center in Lafayette and the Lafayette Parish School System to develop a pilot program for school-based health and wellness centers

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:1519.18, relative to a partnership for health care; to authorize certain  
3 functions of the University Medical Center in Lafayette; to provide for a pilot  
4 program for school-based health and wellness centers; to provide for goals and  
5 requirements of the program; to provide for conditions relative to funding  
6 availability; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:1519.18 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §1519.18. University Medical Center in Lafayette; school-based health and wellness  
10 centers pilot program

11 A. The legislature hereby finds and declares that good health is essential to  
12 a child's success in school and in life, and that delivery of basic health care and  
13 family support services in a school-based setting is a highly practical and fiscally  
14 prudent means of achieving positive outcomes in the overall well being of children,  
15 their families, and communities of this state.

16 B. The University Medical Center in Lafayette is hereby authorized to enter  
17 into a cooperative endeavor with the Lafayette Parish School System to develop a  
18 pilot program for school-based wellness centers.

1           C. The goals of the pilot program shall include, without limitation, the  
2           following:

3           (1) To provide primary care services to students and their family members  
4           such that avoidable emergency department utilization is reduced and reliance on  
5           costly treatments for preventable conditions diminishes in the community.

6           (2) To provide incentives which facilitate greater involvement on the part of  
7           parents and other family members in the education of children.

8           (3) To transition the overall care model of a charity hospital to one which  
9           features an increased level of preventive care and treatment delivered in schools and  
10          other community-based settings by the hospital and its community partners.

11          (4) To optimize Medicaid federal financial participation through provision  
12          of primary care.

13          (5) To adapt successfully to systemic health policy changes during and  
14          pursuant to implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (P.L.  
15          111-148) in a manner which maximizes health benefits to children and families.

16          (6) To design its system of services in such a manner as to facilitate  
17          replication of the program by partnerships among other hospitals and schools of this  
18          state.

19          D. No later than six months after commencement of services of the pilot  
20          program, and annually thereafter, the University Medical Center in Lafayette shall  
21          submit a written report comprising an evaluation of major program aspects to the  
22          House Committee on Education, the Senate Committee on Education, the House  
23          Committee on Health and Welfare, and the Senate Committee on Health and  
24          Welfare.

25          E. The pilot program provided for in this Section shall be subject to the  
26          availability of funds for such purpose. The source of monies for the pilot program  
27          may be any appropriation by the legislature, including federal funds, any public or  
28          private donations, gifts, or grants from individuals, corporations, nonprofit

1           organizations, or other business entities, and any other monies which may be  
2           provided by law.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes a cooperative endeavor between University Medical Center and the Lafayette Parish School System to develop a pilot program for school-based health and wellness centers.

Proposed law authorizes University Medical Center (UMC) in Lafayette to enter into a cooperative endeavor with the Lafayette Parish School System to develop a pilot program for school-based wellness centers.

Proposed law provides that the goals of the pilot program shall include, without limitation, the following:

- (1) To provide primary care services to students and their family members such that avoidable emergency department utilization is reduced and reliance on costly treatments for preventable conditions diminishes in the community.
- (2) To provide incentives which facilitate greater involvement on the part of parents and other family members in the education of children.
- (3) To transition the overall care model of a charity hospital to one which features an increased level of preventive care and treatment delivered in schools and other community-based settings by the hospital and its community partners.
- (4) To optimize Medicaid federal financial participation through provision of primary care.
- (5) To adapt successfully to systemic health policy changes during and pursuant to implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act in a manner which maximizes health benefits to children and families.
- (6) To design its system of services in such a manner as to facilitate replication of the program by partnerships among other hospitals and schools of this state.

Proposed law requires UMC to report on the pilot program to the House and Senate committees on education and committees on health and welfare no later than six months after commencement of services of the pilot program, and annually thereafter.

Proposed law provides that the pilot program provided for in this proposed law shall be subject to the availability of funds for such purpose. Provides that the source of monies for the pilot program may be any appropriation by the legislature, including federal funds, any public or private donations, gifts, or grants from individuals, corporations, nonprofit organizations, or other business entities, and any other monies which may be provided by law.

(Adds R.S. 17:1519.18)