

Regular Session, 2012  
HOUSE BILL NO. 867

# ACT No. 421

BY REPRESENTATIVE ORTEGO AND SENATORS ALLAIN, GUILLORY, MILLS,  
AND PERRY

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 coordinated school 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; coordinated school health and  
10 wellness 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 coordinated school health and wellness centers.

19 C. The goals of the pilot program shall include, without limitation, the  
20 following:

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

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

3                   (3) To further provide for increased access to preventive care and treatment  
4                   delivered in schools and other community-based settings.

5                   (4) To optimize Medicaid federal financial participation through provision  
6                   of primary care.

7                   (5) To adapt successfully to systemic health policy changes during and  
8                   pursuant to implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (P.L.  
9                   111-148) in a manner which maximizes health benefits to children and families.

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

13                  D. No later than six months after commencement of services of the pilot  
14                  program, and annually thereafter, the University Medical Center in Lafayette, in  
15                  collaboration with the Lafayette Parish School System and other community partners  
16                  of the program, shall develop a written report comprising an evaluation of major  
17                  program aspects and shall submit such report to the House Committee on Education,  
18                  the Senate Committee on Education, the House Committee on Health and Welfare,  
19                  and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare.

20                  E. The pilot program provided for in this Section shall be subject to the  
21                  availability of funds for such purpose. The source of monies for the pilot program  
22                  may be any appropriation by the legislature, including federal funds, any public or  
23                  private donations, gifts, or grants from individuals, corporations, nonprofit  
24                  organizations, or other business entities, and any other monies which may be  
25                  provided by law.

1                    F. The pilot program provided for in this Section shall not offer any services,  
2                    counseling, or referral activities which are prohibited pursuant to the provisions of  
3                    R.S. 40:31.3(C).

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_