

Regular Session, 2010

SENATE BILL NO. 358

BY SENATORS MCPHERSON AND DONAHUE

HEALTH CARE. Requires DHH to study and evaluate all possible models of care which seek to maximize the use of community hospitals for providing of acute and inpatient care currently being provided by the hospital system operated by LSU Health Sciences Center. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT  
2 To enact R.S. 40:2003, relative to Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center  
3 hospitals; to require the Department of Health and Hospitals to study and evaluate  
4 various models that can be utilized to maximize the acute and inpatient care being  
5 provided by community hospitals; to provide for the reporting of such study and  
6 evaluation; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 40:2003 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 **§2003. Hospital system study**

10 **A. The legislature hereby finds that the current model of care provided**  
11 **by the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center hospital system is**  
12 **becoming fiscally unsustainable and may no longer be an efficient use of limited**  
13 **state and federal monies for providing health care services in this state. The**  
14 **legislature further finds that it is in the best interest of the citizens of this state**  
15 **that different models which seek to shift acute and inpatient care from the**  
16 **public hospital system to the private community hospitals should be analyzed**  
17 **and evaluated.**

1                    **B. The Department of Health and Hospitals shall study and evaluate all**  
2                    **possible models of care which seek to maximize the use of private community**  
3                    **hospitals for providing acute and inpatient care currently being provided by the**  
4                    **hospital system operated by Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center.**

5                    **C. The department shall report the findings of the study and evaluation**  
6                    **to the legislature prior to the convening of the 2011 Regular Session of the**  
7                    **Louisiana Legislature.**

8                    Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
9                    signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
10                    by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
11                    vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
12                    effective on the day following such approval.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Greg Waddell.

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#### DIGEST

Proposed law provides legislative findings.

Proposed law requires DHH to study and evaluate all possible models of care which seek to maximize the use of private community hospitals for providing acute and inpatient care currently being provided by the hospital system operated by Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center.

Proposed law requires that DHH report the findings of the study and evaluation to the legislature prior to the convening of the 2011 Regular Session.

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

(Adds R.S. 40:2003)