

BULLET RECOMMENDATIONS BY AGENCY FOR THE ADVISORY GROUP ON THE ELIMINATION OF DUPLICATIVE AND NON-ESSENTIAL SERVICES

TAB 1

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION

- Propose legislation allowing for cost plus contracts in the food and emergency contract areas.
- Propose legislation to raise the advertisement threshold. Work is needed to eliminate advertisement completely not that LaPAC is an accessible source.

LOUISIANA COAST PROTECTION AND RESTORATION AUTHORITY (CPRA)

- Given the primary mission of CPRA to implement hurricane protection and coastal restoration projects and that The America's Wetland Trail is an ecotourism opportunity, this may be an item found to be unnecessary to fulfill the intent of Act. 523. Act 523 mandates heightened awareness of the dramatic coastal land loss occurring in South Louisiana. The trail is designed to connect sites and events along coastal Louisiana from the western border to the eastern border. This may not best suit the use of the CPR Fund.
- Potential duplication of services or overlap with other state agencies may exist in the form of levee districts which currently have a minor role in both engineering and design of certain hurricane protection projects as well as operations and maintenance responsibility for many federally sponsored projects. The staff and independent taxing authorities lying within each levee district makes them capable of providing the services relative to operations and maintenance.

LOUISIANA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (GOHSEP)

- Centralize an integrated and strategic planning team within GOHSEP in developing a state-based strategic plan for disasters.
- Establish a single set of regional boundaries for regional offices through the state
- Absorb 90 state employees from the Office of Community Development administering the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
- Acquire LRA outstanding responsibilities and functions at its sunset in 2010

LOUISIANA OFFICE OF STATE INSPECTOR GENERAL (OIG)

No recommendations

LOUISIANA RECOVERY AUTHORITY (LRA)

- Consider long-term opportunities regarding homeless prevention with DSS after LRA

sunsets in June 2010

MILITARY/LOUISIANA NATIONAL GUARD

- Explore centralizing fiscal, human resources, and purchasing functions within SMD
- Initiate limited operation of selected Readiness Centers in conjunction with mobilization of units in relation to current utilization needs

TAB 2

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

- Coordinate with LA Workforce Commission to provide employment information to veterans
- these programs should be transferred to LDVA for one-stop service centers

TAB 3

LOUISIANA SECRETARY OF STATE

- Propose legislation to repeal or amend statutes allowing the legislature and local government to call special elections
- Propose legislation to establish all constitutional amendments are to be considered only on a regularly scheduled statewide election
- Propose legislation to amend federal closed primary law for consistency in voting
- Transfer Private Child Care Class B elections to DSS
- Transfer registration of pollsters to the Campaign Finance Agency
- Transfer authorization for campaign calls filed with SOS before commencing calls to the Campaign Finance Agency
- Remit fees for Legislative Acts to SOS or place in the state general fund in lieu of being remitted to the Supreme Court of Louisiana
- Propose legislation to repeal the provision requiring the SOS to print and deliver journals and materials of Louisiana Historical Association.
- Place miscellaneous functions under those agencies whose statutory mandates are more closely related - i.e. copies of psychologist licenses, notices of mineral leases for set time, taxi cab licences and functions of custodian of records of the nominating committee for Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authorities.
- Transfer filing of applications for a state cable service franchise to the PSC
- Consider consolidating Vital Records function into one agency

TAB 4

LOUISIANA OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL/DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

No recommendations

TAB 5 AND TAB 11

OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR/LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT CULTURE, RECREATION AND TOURISM

- Proposed legislation to streamline the Cemetery Register in R.S. 25:914
- Place the National Register Plaque Program contact information on the website for interested parties
- Proposed legislation to eliminate the Historic Marker legislation in R.S. 48:27
- Allow private citizens to pay for and order markers to be placed on private property
- Outsource IT Troubleshooting and consulting for public libraries - cost savings of \$169,650 annually
- Outsource cooperative cataloging
- Outsource the operation the management of parks.
- Outsource Percent for Arts.
- Outsource Artist Services & Folk Services to the Regional Arts Council
- Privatize Main Street design services for business owners to commercial design firms and merchandisers
- Eliminate overlap with libraries in DEQ and the DED which are two specialized libraries.
- Coordinate overlap with State Archives. The State Library manages and archives state publications, while State Archives does the same with records.
- The Office of Tourism shares DOTD property at seven of thirteen Welcome Center locations. The current memoranda of understanding (MOU) delineates and defines areas of responsibility. Each MOU is slightly different. DOTD indicates a willingness to move towards a consolidated, blanket MOU for maintenance.

TAB 6

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

- Centralize the entire operation of the activity bond function (volume cap) within the State Bond Commission.
- Proposed legislation to eliminate and move the Louisiana Financial Literacy and Education Commission
- Consider ways the legislature can discontinue appropriating earmarks in order to discontinue the need for a Compliance and Audit function.
- Any time words like "surety bonds" appear in law, investments must deal with this. These bonds are simply insurance. This function should be transferred back to the appropriate state entities overseeing the particular program requiring the surety (or performance) bond.

TAB 7

LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION (PSC)

No recommendations.

TAB 8

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY (LDAF)

- Under the Horticulture and Quarantine Program, LDAF indicates difficulty determining the level of performance of many quarantine-related safeguarding programs. Their worth is often not determined until there is a program falter or pest threat. Positive performance is periodically declared based on successfully finding and identifying pest concerns. Success is also declared when a survey and monitoring for pest problems result in the absence of pests.
- Eliminate the practical section of the Retail Florist Exam as part of effective licensing or outsource with state colleges, universities, community colleges or proprietary schools. Acceptance of satisfactory completion of a course accredited by the Louisiana Department of Education for issuance of the florist license is possible.
- LSU/Ag Center or agriculture consultants to monitor the movement of the Mexican Rice Borer in rice and sugarcane
- Outsource the collection of delinquent fees and finds to the Attorney General's office

TAB 9

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE (DOI)

- Proposed legislation to reenact R.S. 22:941(A)(5) related to awarding life benefits for military personnel permanently disabled or killed while officially activated to a more appropriate section of law.
- Proposed legislation to change the law allowing up to \$50 of any fee paid to the DOI to be a non-refundable processing fee.

TAB 10

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (LED)

- Propose legislation to revise R.S. 47:4311-4319 regarding the Restoration Tax Abatement Program. The program is primarily focused on the renovation of existing properties, and not oriented toward job creation or the expansion of the overall economy of the state.
- Propose legislation to revise R.S. 51:921-946 and R.S. 47: 3201-3206 regarding the Louisiana Economic Development Corporation (LEDC) and the Board of Commerce and Industry (C&I). Management of two separate boards for incentive review and approval creates numerous issues and inefficiencies
- Transfer the Louisiana Music Commission to the Office of Tourism.

- Consider transferring administration of the Small Business Loan Assistance Program.
- Review the Coordinating Responsibility Authorities funding

TAB 11 - See Tab 5 on OLG

LOUISIANA CULTURE, RECREATION AND TOURISM

TAB 12

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT (DOTD)

- Transfer approximately 5000 miles of state-owned road to parish and city governments

TAB 13

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY & CORRECTIONS (PUBLIC SAFETY)

No recommendations

LOUISIANA OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

- Transfer early intervention and/or early prevention services for at risk youth and families to DSS
- Transfer services to youth who are adjudicated FINS to DSS
- Develop a state wide analysis of behavioral health needs of high risk children within the child welfare and juvenile justice systems between OJJ, DSS and DHH
- Explore opportunities for DOE to provide educational services in an alternative school setting

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONS (CORRECTIONS)

No recommendations

TAB 14

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS

- Establish framework for the full "continuum of care" for individuals with developmental disabilities similar to the continuum of care for the elderly. Create an organized system of care with care management and ongoing assessment of needs to improve outcomes. This would mean that use of various waivers, community homes, and large facilities would be allocated by the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities in accordance with the

needs of the person. This will help to use available resources cost-effectively.

- Establish framework for full "continuum care" for individuals who are aging or have adult on-set disabilities. DHH would encourage pilot programs in selected areas before expanding statewide.
- Continue efforts to consolidate state-operated residential and vocational services for individuals with developmental disabilities. Consider establishing a public process for determining if private entities can operate the facilities currently operated by the state at a lower cost with similar or improved outcomes.
- Implement a competitive bid process to redirect services from public health units to local providers such as FQHCs, RHCs, or other organizations capable of direct service delivery.
- Review state-owned and operated residential facilities for individuals who are elderly or have adult onset disabilities for privatization.
- Establish a competitive procurement process for operation of inpatient mental health institutions and/or certain services provided at the institutions.
- Privatize secure residential services for persons found "not guilty by reason of insanity" and the "Lockhart" population.
- Coordinate the Office of Mental Health child/adolescent services with the Office of Juvenile Justice
- Restructure outpatient addictive disorders, developmental disability, and mental health services provided by the state based on the expansion of the Human Services Districts/Authorities (local health care governing models.)
- Consolidate operations of the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs with the Office of Aging and Adult Services in DHH.
- Consolidate the operations of the Governor's Office on Disability Affairs with the Office of Citizens with Developmental Disabilities in DHH
- Eliminate financing programs from DHH
- Transfer engineering and architectural services in the DHH Office of Management and Finance to Facility Planning in the Division of Administration.

TAB 15

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (DSS)

- Transfer appropriate components of the Louisiana Rehabilitation Services to the Louisiana Workforce Commission and DHH
- Create single point of access for eligibility and enrollment into public benefit programs offered by DHH and DSS.
- Shift DSS focus to concentrate on providing services to children, youth, and families. Programs within other agencies focusing on children and youth should be coordinated or transferred to DSS.
- Better coordination of services needed between the Office of Juvenile Justice and DSS relative to probation and parole services and child welfare services.
- Ensure statewide comprehensive early childhood intervention and development through

transitioning appropriate programs to DSS.

- Transfer child abuse and neglect prevention and other intervention programs to DSS
- Transfer and enhance coordination of services targeting the reduction of homelessness in the state.
- Eliminate the Child Care Job Search Program
- Eliminate or restructure the Earned Income Tax Credit technical support program

TAB 16

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (DNR)

- Propose legislation to change conservation rules mandating reports on oil and gas production become electronic
- Eliminate FTEs
- Partner with DEQ and the Office of Conservation to perform statewide inspections of oil and gas production facilities
- Combine or share regulation between the PSC and the Office of Conservation regarding regulation of intrastate natural gas system
- Consolidate the LSU Center for Energy Studies and the State Energy Office

TAB 17

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

- Consider efficiencies allowing LDR to audit oil and gas exploration companies for severance taxes and royalty payments simultaneously with DNR
- Propose legislation allowing for consolidated reporting of extracted mineral resources, royalty payments and severance taxes
- Consider efficiencies allowing LDR to audit businesses for unemployment insurance taxes at the same time they audit businesses for other taxes.
- Propose legislation allowing for consolidated reporting of unemployment and withholding taxes between LDR and LWC
- Consolidate delinquent account receivable collection activities from various state agencies, providing for a single contact for all debts to the state by a business and/or individual and/or business
- Allow for other state agencies to use LDRs central paper document and remittance processor
- Establish a state operated or outsourced motor pool maintenance garage for state agencies. This is a general observation, not related to LDR activities or functions.
- Establish a single sales and use tax collector to taxpayers (both individuals and businesses)
- Establish a single location for centralized "help desk" functions
- Establish a single-business registration portal
- Establish a centralized motor pool
- Establish a statewide IT disaster contingency site

TAB 18

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

- Propose legislation to reduce EPA oversight of Louisiana Pollution Discharge Elimination System
- Propose legislation to eliminate methanol alcohol liquid waste pre-treatment regulations
- Propose legislation to regulate odor at a local level
- Propose legislation to regulate noise at a local level
- Transfer handling of vegetative debris, along with the management of untreated and unprocessed wood waste to LDAF
- Consolidate the Domestic Wastewater program (including individual homes) into one program
- Transfer lead-base paint program to EPA or one agency.
- Consolidate DEQs Waste Minimization Program and DEQS Mercury Initiative to one agency

TAB 19

LOUISIANA WORKFORCE COMMISSION

- Review report from the Governor's Advisory Council on Workers Compensation regarding the Second Injury Fund and consider overhauling or eliminating this fund prior to 11.1.09
- Repeal of Chapter 1, Part II of Title 23 removing the administration of the State Board of Boiler Inspector Examiners from LWC and transferring it to the State Fire Marshall.
- Integrate the delivery job search, readiness training, and job placement within the exiting integrated service delivery model in use by the Business and Career Solutions Centers.
- Transfer operations of the LWC Veteran's program to the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs. This action would require USDOL approval of a modification of the state's workforce development plan.
- Integrate the Community Service Block Grant Integration service delivery system into the WIA regionally integrated service delivery model.
- Integrate existing contracts into the regional service delivery model and transition the program to an ITA process administered by the local Business and Career Solutions Centers.
- Combine the functions of the Centralized Employer Tax Collection department under the Department of Revenue.

TAB 20

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

- Transfer the Office of Fisheries Disaster Response to an agency accustomed to developing and administering direct assistance programs

- Consolidate field sampling procedures (fish and water samples) now being performed by DWF, DEQ, and DHH

TAB 21

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF STATE CIVIL SERVICE

- Proposed legislation amending R.S. 36:53(C) and (I) to include information technology among the administrative functions currently provided for.

TAB 22

RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

(Don't have information on.)

TAB 23

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- Transfer School Bus Transportation to the Department of Public Safety
- Transfer Driver's Education to the Department of Public Safety
- Transfer the administration of Adult Education from BESE to postsecondary education