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Bill Number:	S. 0399	Amended by Senate Medical Affairs on April 27, 2023
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Subject:	Department of Behavioral and Public Health	
Requestor:	Senate Medical Affairs	
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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill abolishes the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) and creates two new departments, the Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Department of Environmental Services (DES). DPH will consist of the health-related divisions of DHEC. DES will consist of the divisions and programs of DHEC that are concerned with the regulation and protection of the environment and the hydrology and aquatic nuisance species program of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The bill also transfers the authority to establish, manage, and operate veterans' homes from the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA). Additionally, the Food Safety Program and the Milk and Dairy Lab of DHEC will be transferred to the Department of Agriculture (Agriculture), and the flood mitigation program from DNR will be transferred to the Office of Resilience.

Further, the bill transfers the process of certain entities filing a request or an appeal from the board of DHEC to the Administrative Law Court or the court with appropriate jurisdiction pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act.

The fiscal impact of this bill is pending, as data are still being received and analysis is still being conducted.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

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State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

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N/A



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