**Creation of AAHSDB and Functions**

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**ACT No. 373**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 930**

Operative Powers: AAHSDB was created by the legislature.

C. Each human services district shall constitute a body corporate in law, with

all of the powers of a corporation, including the power to sue and be sued. Each

district shall also have all the powers and rights conferred by this Chapter and the

power to perform any other act in its corporate capacity and in its corporate name

which is necessary and proper for effectuating the purposes for which the distric twas

created. Each district shall constitute a special district within the meaning of Article

VI, Section 19 of the Constitution of Louisiana, shall be a political subdivision of the

state, and enjoy all rights, powers, and privileges enjoyed by other political

subdivisions of the state under the constitution and laws of the state, excluding the

rights to incur long-term debt, issue bonds, and levy taxes and special assessments.

§915. Districts; functions, powers, and duties

Pursuant to a contract with the department, all human services districts shall:

(1) Perform the functions which provide community-based services and

continuity of care for the prevention, detection, treatment, rehabilitation, and follow13

up care of mental and emotional illness.

(2) Be responsible for community-based programs and functions relating to

the care, diagnosis, training, treatment, case management, and education of the

developmentally disabled and the autistic.

(3) Perform community-based functions for the care, diagnosis, training,

treatment, and education related to addictive disorders, including but not limited to

alcohol, drug abuse, or gambling.

(4) Perform community-based functions which provide services and

continuity of care for education, prevention, detection, treatment, rehabilitation, and

follow-up care relating to personal health, as determined to be feasible by the

department.

(5) Maintain services specified in Paragraphs (1) through (4) of this

Subsection on at least the same level as the state maintains similar programs or as

stipulated by the contract with the department.

(6) Collect or cause to be collected all monies due the district for the

28 provision of services pursuant to statutory requirements and any other form of

§916. Functions; transferred

A. The boards and the secretary of the department are hereby authorized to

enter into all contracts necessary for the provision of the functions and funds relative

to the operation of community-based behavioral health and developmental disability

services as well as public health or any other services contracted to the districts. As

part of the contract, the board shall agree to make a good faith effort to use providers

within the district who have traditionally provided community-based behavioral

health, developmental disabilities, public health, and any other contracted services

for the state.