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Legislators to hear the latest on LSU Hospitals plan

BATON ROUGE – Members of the Louisiana House of Representatives next week will hear more details about a public-private partnership agreement to manage three state-owned hospitals.

The House Health and Welfare Committee chaired by state Rep. Scott Simon, R-Abita Springs, will meet Thursday, January 24 at 9:00 a.m. in Committee Room 5.

"The informational briefing is vital to lawmakers' understanding of the private/public partnership issue," said House Speaker Chuck Kleckley. "We need to hear all the details so we are prepared to act in the upcoming session."

In December, three public-private partnerships were announced, necessitated by a Congressional reduction in Louisiana's Federal Medical Assistance Percentage rate; the lowest rate in more than 25 years. The Interim LSU Hospital and its successor University Medical Center in New Orleans will partner with Louisiana Children's Medical Center; Leonard J. Chabert Hospital in Houma has reached agreements with Ochsner Health System and Terrebonne General Medical Center; and University Medical Center in Lafayette has formed a partnership with its neighbor, Lafayette General Medical Center.

Lawmakers will hear presentations by LSU System President William Jenkins, DHH Secretary Bruce Greenstein, and LSU System Executive Vice President for Health Care and Medical Education Redesign Dr. Frank Opelka .

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