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HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY DEPARTMENT STATUTORY CLEAN-UP

The Health Care Authority Department Act, passed in 2023, initiated the establishment of the department by renaming the Human Services Department and transferring various divisions and functions from the Department of Health and General Services to the Health Care Authority.

Senate Bill 14 is a statutory clean-up bill that changes the name from the Human Services Department to the Health Care Authority throughout various statutes. It also recompiles (rearranges) statutes to form a new Chapter 24A, titled 'Health Care Code,' consolidating all sections currently found in Chapter 24 (Health & Safety) that pertain to the Health Care Authority. Any sections of the law being amended may also undergo technical clean-up to remove outdated language.

There are only three areas of substantive changes:

1. To enhance coordination in the purchasing of health care, the Director of the Health Care Authority's State Benefits Division will now join the Retiree Health Care Authority's Board. In addition to joint procurement, IBAC (Interagency Benefit Advisory Committee) agencies must now jointly contract.
2. It authorizes the DOH to share health information data it collects with the Health Care Authority.
3. The administration of the Health Care Affordability Fund program is transferred from the OSI (Office of Superintendent of Insurance) to the Health Care Authority.

The Temporary Provision at the end of the bill, listing recompiled sections, refers to sections that did not require any amendments—just moving into Chapter 24A.

Provisions from all repealed sections are incorporated into Chapter 24A.

The provided index identifies the sections of SB14, page number, current statutory reference, and specifies whether each section involves a department name change, recompilation, or is technically a new section of law. Substantive changes are highlighted in the notes describing other amendments.