

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 387 (SB 187)

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New law requires that the legislative staff and any other staff of agencies of the state that may be necessary and applicable to develop guidelines to incorporate the provisions of the new law to establish a pilot evidence-based budget proposal process for adult mental health programs administered by the La. Department of Health (department). The guidelines shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget on or before July 1, 2018, for review and approval. Requires that the proposal include guidelines to utilize program catalogues, program inventory, promising practices, and research-based programs and include a determination of staffing and costs necessary.

Requires that staff identified and approved by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget in the guidelines work with the department. Requires that no later than July 1, 2019, when possible, the department is to use the guidelines for evidence-based budgeting to select programs for the delivery of care for adult mental health.

Requires that staff and the department work to:

- (1) Inventory programs.
- (2) Categorize all agency programs and activities as evidence-based, research-based, promising practices, or other programs and activities with no evidence of effectiveness, and compile them into an agency program inventory. In categorizing programs, the staffs may consult the Washington State Institute for Public Policy's Evidence-Based Practices Institute's program catalogue, the Results First Clearinghouse Database, or any other comparable catalogue of evidence-based programs.
- (3) Determine benefit-cost ratios for all evidence-based programs in the selected policy areas.

Effective July 1, 2017.

(Adds R.S. 39:2(13.1), (33.1), (36.1), (36.2), (37.1), (37.2), (37.3), (40.1), and 87.7; repeals R.S. 39:2(38) and (39))