

SENATE BILL NO. 187

BY SENATOR HEWITT

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 39:2(13.1), (33.1), (36.1), (36.2), (37.1), (37.2), (37.3), (40.1), and 87.7 and to repeal R.S. 39:2(38) and (39), relative to the budget process; to provide for the development of evidence-based budgeting practices that will enable data-driven budget decisions in selected policy areas; to require the development of guidelines for the establishment of a pilot evidence-based budget proposal process for adult mental health programs; to provide for the submission to and approval of the guidelines by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget; to provide for certain terms and definitions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 39:2(13.1), (33.1), (36.1), (36.2), (37.1), (37.2), (37.3), (40.1), and 87.7 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§2. Definitions

As used in this Chapter, except where the context clearly requires otherwise, the words and expressions defined in this Section shall be held to have the meanings here given to them.

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**(13.1) "Evidence-based program" means a program or practice that has had multiple site random controlled trials across heterogeneous populations demonstrating that the program or practice is effective for the population.**

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**(33.1) "Other programs and activities" means all programs and activities that do not fit the definition of evidence-based, research-based, or promising practices programs.**

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~~(38)~~**(36.1)** "Performance-based budget" means a budget which relates funding to expected results.

~~(39)~~**(36.2)** "Performance standard" means the expected level of performance associated with a particular performance indicator for a particular period.

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**(37.1)** "Program catalogue" means a compendium of programs compiled by a reputable source that publishes information for use by the government.

**(37.2)** "Program inventory" means the complete list of all proposed agency programs and activities that meet any definition set out in this Section.

**(37.3)** "Promising practices" means a practice that presents, based upon preliminary information, potential for becoming a research-based or evidence-based program or practice.

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~~(38)~~ "Performance-based budget" means a budget which relates funding to expected results:

~~(39)~~ "Performance standard" means the expected level of performance associated with a particular performance indicator for a particular period.

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**(40.1)** "Research-based program" means a program or practice that has some research demonstrating effectiveness, but that does not yet meet the standard of evidence-based practices.

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**§87.7. Evidence-based budget process**

**A. Legislative staff and any other staff of agencies of the state that may be necessary and applicable shall develop guidelines to incorporate the provisions of this Section to establish a pilot evidence-based budget proposal process for adult mental health programs administered by the Louisiana Department of Health. The guidelines shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget on or before July 1, 2018, for review and**

1           approval. The proposal shall include guidelines to utilize program catalogues,  
 2           program inventory, promising practices, and research-based programs. The  
 3           guidelines shall include a determination of staffing and costs necessary to  
 4           implement the provisions of Subsection B of this Section. No later than July 1,  
 5           2019, when possible, the Louisiana Department of Health shall use the  
 6           guidelines for evidence-based budgeting to select programs for the delivery of  
 7           care for adult mental health.

8                   B. Staff identified and approved by the Joint Legislative Committee on  
 9           the Budget in the guidelines shall work in conjunction with the Louisiana  
 10           Department of Health to:

- 11                   (1) Inventory programs.
- 12                   (2) Categorize all agency programs and activities as evidence-based,  
 13           research-based, promising practices, or other programs and activities with no  
 14           evidence of effectiveness, and compile them into an agency program inventory.  
 15           In categorizing programs, the staffs may consult the Washington State Institute  
 16           for Public Policy's Evidence-Based Practices Institute's program catalogue, the  
 17           Results First Clearinghouse Database, or any other comparable catalogue of  
 18           evidence-based programs.

19           Section 2. R.S. 39:2(38) and (39) are hereby repealed.

20           Section 3. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2017.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_