
DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires statewide elected officials and legislators receive at least one hour of annual mental health response training and five hours of professional mental health counseling each calendar year of office.

Proposed law provides for findings regarding the impact that mental health issues, including undiagnosed mental illness and related substance abuse has on all of our citizens.

Proposed law provides that each calendar year each statewide elected official and each legislator is required to obtain at least one hour of education and training on recognizing the signs and symptoms suggestive of a potential mental health challenges and how to properly interact with a person experiencing a mental health crisis. Requires the La. Dept. of Health, office of behavioral health to work with the Dept. of State Civil Service to develop and make available education and training material to assist statewide elected officials and state legislators in complying with the education and training requirements. Requires documentation to be submitted to the appropriate agency human resource officer confirming receipt of the training.

Proposed law additionally requires each statewide elected official and each legislator to obtain at least five hours of mental health counseling each calendar year of his term of office from an appropriate licensed health care professional. Requires documentation to be submitted to the appropriate agency human resource officer confirming receipt of the counseling.

(Adds R.S. 49:351–353)