

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 868

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MENTAL HEALTH: Provides relative to standards for psychiatric hospitals and residential substance abuse facilities

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Redesignates definitions of "department", "psychiatric hospital", and "residential substance abuse facility".
2. Redesignates proposed law requirement for the La. Dept. of Health to submit a report of its findings on or before Mar. 31, 2025.
3. Requires proposed law to terminate upon the submission of the written report.
4. Makes technical corrections.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Proposed law declares that promoting efficiency and productivity of psychiatric hospitals and residential substance abuse facilities within the healthcare system is vital to the improvement and overall welfare of the residents in Louisiana.

Proposed law defines "department", "psychiatric hospital", and "residential substance abuse facility".

Proposed law requires the La. Dept. of Health (LDH) to conduct an evaluation of the standards for psychiatric hospitals and residential substance abuse facilities and to submit a report of its findings. Proposed law further requires certain content for the report, which includes but is not limited to recommendations for new or revised standards to improve health outcomes, increase accountability, and recommend requirements for accreditation of psychiatric hospitals and residential substance abuse facilities.

Proposed law requires LDH to submit its report and recommendations to the House and Senate committees on health and welfare on or before March 31, 2025. Upon its submission, the provisions of proposed law shall terminate.

Proposed law requires LDH to explore potential value-based financial incentives for Medicaid-enrolled psychiatric hospitals that sustain or exceed quality of care criteria.

Proposed law allows LDH to consult with any agency, department, board, commission, accreditation organization, or other healthcare group or association to conduct its review and prepare its report.

(Adds R.S. 40:2115.1)