

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 1155

BY REPRESENTATIVE HILL

MENTAL HEALTH: Provides conditions for licensing of therapeutic group homes for youth suffering from mental illness

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:2009(D), relative to licensure of therapeutic group homes; to require parish
3 governing authority approval as a condition for licensure of such group homes; and
4 to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 40:2009(D) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §2009. Mandatory accreditation of facilities participating in the Medicaid
8 Residential Treatment Option; local approval required for therapeutic group
9 homes

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11 D. In addition to the licensing requirements for therapeutic group homes
12 provided in Chapter 62 of Subpart 3 of Part I of Title 48 of the Louisiana
13 Administrative Code, the Department of Health and Hospitals shall require as a
14 condition of licensure that any person or entity seeking to establish and operate a
15 therapeutic group home have the approval of the governing authority of the parish
16 in which the group home is intended to be located. The parish governing authority
17 may grant such approval only after providing an opportunity for public comment
18 concerning the application for licensure of the group home.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Makes approval of the parish governing authority in which the home is to be located, a condition of licensure for therapeutic group homes for youth suffering from mental illness.

Present law provides relative to licensure by the Dept. of Health and Hospitals (DHH) of facilities delivering residential supports and services through the Medicaid Residential Treatment Option to youth suffering from mental illness.

Proposed law retains present law and further provides that, as a condition of licensure, any person or entity seeking to establish and operate a therapeutic group home shall have the approval of the governing authority of the parish in which the group home is intended to be located. Additionally provides that the parish governing authority may grant such approval only after providing an opportunity for public comment concerning the application for licensure of the group home.

(Adds R.S. 40:2009(D))