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HOUSE BILL NO. 732

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HEALTH CARE/FACILITIES: Requires all private and public facilities to report psychiatric inpatient and crisis stabilization beds at least once daily

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Chapter 22 of Title 28 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised  
3 of R.S. 28:931 through 933, relative to acute psychiatric beds; to create the Louisiana  
4 Acute Psychiatric Bed Registry; to provide for definitions; to provide for the  
5 functions of the registry; to require participation by certain psychiatric healthcare  
6 providers; to require the use of existing resources; to authorize contracting with a  
7 private entity for the development and administration of the registry; and to provide  
8 for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. Chapter 22 of Title 28 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,  
11 comprised of R.S. 28:931 through 933, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

12 CHAPTER 22. LOUISIANA ACUTE PSYCHIATRIC BED REGISTRY

13 §931. Short title

14 This Chapter shall be known as and may be cited as the "Louisiana Acute  
15 Psychiatric Bed Registry Law".

16 §932. Definitions

17 As used in this Chapter, the following terms have the meaning ascribed to  
18 them in this Section unless the context requires otherwise:

19 (1) "Crisis receiving center" means an agency, business, institution, society,  
20 corporation, person or persons, or any other group, licensed by the Department of

1 Health and Hospitals pursuant to R.S. 40:2180.11 et seq. to provide crisis  
2 identification, intervention, and stabilization services for people in behavioral crisis.

3 (2) "Department" means the Department of Health and Hospitals.

4 (3) "Healthcare provider" has the same meaning as provided in R.S.  
5 40:1231.1.

6 (4) "Inpatient psychiatric treatment facility" means a facility licensed by the  
7 Department of Health and Hospitals to provide inpatient psychiatric services.

8 (5) "Registry" means the Louisiana Acute Psychiatric Bed Registry  
9 developed and maintained pursuant to this Chapter.

10 (6) "Secretary" means the secretary of the Department of Health and  
11 Hospitals.

12 (7) "Temporary detention" means admission by emergency certificate  
13 pursuant to R.S. 28:53 or an order for protective custody pursuant to R.S. 28:53.2.

14 §933. Louisiana Acute Psychiatric Bed Registry; development and administration;  
15 functions; participation

16 A. The department shall develop and administer a web-based acute  
17 psychiatric bed registry to collect, aggregate, and display information about available  
18 acute beds in public and private inpatient psychiatric treatment facilities and public  
19 and private crisis receiving centers to assist with the identification and designation  
20 of facilities for the temporary detention and treatment of individuals who meet the  
21 criteria for admission by emergency certificate pursuant to R.S. 28:53 or an order for  
22 protective custody pursuant to R.S. 28:53.2.

23 B. The department shall develop the registry to accomplish all of the  
24 following:

25 (1) Include descriptive information for every public and private inpatient  
26 psychiatric treatment facility and every public and private crisis receiving center in  
27 the state, including contact information for each facility or center.

28 (2) Provide real-time information about the number of beds available at each  
29 facility or center and, for each available bed, the type of patient that may be

1 admitted, the level of security provided, and any other information that may be  
2 necessary to allow employees of inpatient psychiatric treatment facilities and crisis  
3 receiving centers to identify appropriate facilities for detention and treatment of  
4 individuals who meet the criteria for temporary detention.

5 (3) Allow employees of inpatient psychiatric treatment facilities and crisis  
6 receiving centers and healthcare providers working in an emergency room of a  
7 hospital or clinic or other facility rendering emergency medical care to perform  
8 searches of the registry to identify available beds that are appropriate for the  
9 detention and treatment of individuals who meet the criteria for temporary detention.

10 C. Every public or private inpatient psychiatric treatment facility and public  
11 and private crisis receiving center licensed by the department shall participate in the  
12 registry and shall designate such employees as may be necessary to submit  
13 information for inclusion in the registry and serve as points of contact for addressing  
14 requests for information related to data reported to the registry.

15 D. Every public or private inpatient psychiatric treatment facility and public  
16 and private crisis receiving center licensed by the department shall update  
17 information included in the registry whenever there is a change in bed availability  
18 for the facility or center or, if no change in bed availability has occurred, at least  
19 daily.

20 E.(1) The department shall utilize all available resources to minimize costs  
21 to the department including but not limited to engaging the office of technology  
22 services of the division of administration to evaluate the capability and scalability  
23 of existing software technology and data systems in use by state agencies and offices  
24 for the purpose of determining whether any software program or system currently  
25 owned by the state can be utilized or adapted to meet the functionality requirements  
26 of the registry.

27 (2) The secretary may enter into a contract with a private entity for the  
28 development and administration of the registry.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Establishes the acute psychiatric bed registry and requires all private and public facilities to report psychiatric inpatient and crisis stabilization beds at least once daily.

Proposed law defines terms used in proposed law including "crisis receiving center", "healthcare provider", "inpatient psychiatric treatment facility", and "temporary detention".

Proposed law requires the Dept. of Health and Hospitals (DHH) to develop and administer a web-based acute psychiatric bed registry to collect, aggregate, and display information about available acute beds in public and private inpatient psychiatric treatment facilities and public and private crisis receiving centers to assist with the identification and designation of facilities for the temporary detention and treatment of individuals who meet the criteria for admission by emergency certificate or an order for protective custody.

Proposed law requires the registry to accomplish all of the following:

- (1) Include descriptive information for every public and private inpatient psychiatric treatment facility and every public and private crisis receiving center in the state, including contact information for the facility or center.
- (2) Provide real-time information about the number of beds available at each facility or center and, for each available bed, the type of patient that may be admitted, the level of security provided, and any other information that may be necessary to allow employees of inpatient psychiatric treatment facilities and crisis receiving centers to identify appropriate facilities for detention and treatment of individuals who meet the criteria for temporary detention.
- (3) Allow employees of inpatient psychiatric treatment facilities and crisis receiving centers and healthcare providers working in an emergency room of a hospital or clinic or other facility rendering emergency medical care to perform searches of the registry to identify available beds that are appropriate for the detention and treatment of individuals who meet the criteria for temporary detention.

Proposed law requires every public or private inpatient psychiatric treatment facility and public and private crisis receiving center licensed by the DHH to do both of the following:

- (1) Designate such employees as may be necessary to submit information for inclusion in the registry and serve as points of contact for addressing requests for information related to data reported to the registry.
- (2) Update information included in the registry whenever there is a change in bed availability for the facility or center or, if no change in bed availability has occurred, at least daily.

Proposed law requires DHH, prior to establishing the registry, to engage the office of technology services of the division of administration in order to evaluate the capability and scalability of existing software technology and data systems in use by state agencies and offices for the purpose of determining whether any software program or system currently

owned by the state can be utilized or adapted to meet the functionality requirements of the registry.

Proposed law authorizes DHH to enter into a contract with a private entity for the development and administration of the registry.

(Adds R.S. 28:931-933)