
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)