

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 455

BY SENATOR BARROW

HEALTH SERVICES. Restricts the location of certain psychiatric facilities. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 28:26, relative to the location of psychiatric facilities; to prohibit certain
3 psychiatric facilities from being located in certain areas; to provide for requirements
4 imposed by local governing authorities; to provide for an effective date; and to
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 28:26 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 **§26. Psychiatric facility; forensic facility; prohibitions**

9 **A. No forensic psychiatric hospital issued an initial license after August**
10 **1, 2024, shall be constructed, located, or established within one-half mile of a**
11 **public or private elementary or secondary school.**

12 **B. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to prohibit a local governing**
13 **authority from prescribing by rule or ordinance any additional requirements**
14 **for facilities provided for in Subsection A of this Section.**

15 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
16 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
17 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

1 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
2 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Amanda Trapp.

DIGEST

SB 455 Engrossed

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Barrow

Proposed law prohibits forensic psychiatric hospitals that are issued an initial license after Aug. 1, 2024, from being located within one-half mile from a public or private elementary or secondary school.

Proposed law authorizes a local governing authority to establish additional requirements for the psychiatric facilities in proposed law.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 28:26)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill

1. Changes the applicable facilities and prohibited locations.