

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 487

BY SENATOR CATHEY

HOSPITALS. Provides for hospital drug screenings. (8/1/24)

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:978.2.2, relative to drug screening; to require fentanyl testing in certain circumstances; to provide for reporting; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 40:978.2.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§978.2.2. Hospital drug screening; fentanyl; minors

A. If a minor is treated at a hospital for a suspected opioid overdose and the hospital conducts a urine drug screening to assist in diagnosing the minor's condition, the hospital shall include testing for fentanyl in the minor's urine drug screening.

B. If the urine drug screening conducted in accordance with Subsection A of this Section detects fentanyl, the hospital shall report the de-identified test results to the Louisiana Department of Health, office of public health. The office of public health shall treat any reports or documents as confidential and the documents shall not be subject to release pursuant to a public records request or subpoena to the Louisiana Department of Health or the office of public health.

