

SENATE BILL NO. 314

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:2724(B)(2)(a) and R.S. 40:31.3(C) and (D) and to enact R.S. 40:31.3(E), relative to community psychiatric support and treatment services; to provide for limited scope certified social worker license to provide community psychiatric support and treatment services; to provide for applicability; to provide relative to the adolescent school health initiative; to provide policy requirements; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 37:2724(B)(2)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§2724. Qualification; certified social worker

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B. * * *

(2)(a) At the end of the three-year certification period, a certified social worker who has provided CPST services pursuant to R.S. 40:2162 and who meets all the qualifications for licensure as a licensed master's social worker except for the provisions of R.S. 37:2707(A)(3) shall petition the board ~~at least sixty days~~ prior to the expiration of the certificate for an extension of the certification for the limited purpose of providing CPST services as defined in R.S. 40:2162. **Any certified social worker whose three-year certification period expired in calendar year 2025 shall be allowed to avail themselves of the rights provided for in this Paragraph. Any certified social worker who had a certification expire in calendar year 2025 shall have it renewed immediately to allow the individual to proceed with the CPST extension request provided for in this Paragraph.**

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Section 2. R.S. 40:31.3(C) and (D) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 40:31.3(E) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

1 §31.3. Adolescent school health initiative; health centers in schools

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3 C. The office of public health shall develop a policy, at a minimum, that
4 provides for all of the following:

5 (1) Healthcare providers who are licensed, certified, or registered by
6 their applicable licensing, certification, or registration board, who provide
7 documentation of having passed a criminal background check conducted by the
8 Louisiana State Police, and who are in good standing with the applicable board
9 shall not be required by a public school governing authority to complete an
10 additional criminal background check in order to begin providing school-based
11 health center services.

12 (2) School-based health center services shall be permitted during school
13 hours if the student's parent or legal guardian has requested such services and
14 a healthcare provider determines that evaluation or treatment is necessary
15 during school hours to assist the student with a health condition, illness, or
16 injury requiring evaluation or treatment.

17 (3) A public school governing authority shall not prohibit a health
18 evaluation, assessment, or authorized treatment plan from being performed on
19 school property in order to establish medical necessity or deliver medically
20 necessary services.

21 (4) The determination of the need for health evaluation and school-based
22 health center services shall be made by a healthcare provider acting within the
23 scope of his professional license. No school employee who is not licensed to
24 provide healthcare services shall determine whether a student may receive an
25 evaluation or treatment by a healthcare provider.

26 D. Health centers in schools are prohibited from:

27 (1) Counseling or advocating abortion in any way or referring any student to
28 any organization for counseling or advocating abortion.

29 (2) Distributing at any public school any contraceptive or abortifacient drug,
30 device, or other similar product.

1 ~~D.E.~~ The provisions of this Section shall be applicable only to the extent that
2 funds are made available for this purpose from public or private sources.

3 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor
4 or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law
5 without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the
6 Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by
7 the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____