
DIGEST

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HB No. 421

Abstract: Amends the definition of a "treatment program" as used in the Post-Separation Violence Relief Act to include a treatment program administered by an individual qualified by education, training, or experience in domestic violence treatment and approved by the court.

Present law requires one or more parents to complete a treatment program prior to awarding custody or allowing visitation when there is a history of family violence. Defines "treatment program" as a course of evaluation and psychotherapy designed specifically for perpetrators of family violence. Further requires the treatment program to be conducted by a licensed mental health professional.

Proposed law retains present law and expands the definition to include any other similar treatment program administered by an individual qualified by education, training, or experience in domestic violence treatment and approved by the court.

(Amends R.S. 9:362(7))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to the original bill.

1. Added requirement that the treatment program be administered by an individual qualified by education, training, or experience in domestic violence treatment.