

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 421

BY REPRESENTATIVE RITCHIE

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 9:362(7), relative to the Post-Separation Family Violence Relief
3 Act; to provide for the definition of a "treatment program"; and to provide for related
4 matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 9:362(7) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §362. Definitions

8 As used in this Part:

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10 (7) "Treatment program" means a ~~course of evaluation and psychotherapy~~
11 ~~designed specifically for perpetrators of family violence, and conducted by licensed~~
12 ~~mental health professionals~~ program, comprised of a minimum of twenty-six in-
13 person sessions, that follows a model designed specifically for perpetrators of
14 domestic abuse. The offender's progress in the program shall be monitored by the
15 court. The provider of the program shall have all of the following:

16 (a) Experience in working directly with perpetrators and victims of domestic
17 abuse.

18 (b) Experience in facilitating batterer intervention groups.

1 (c) Training in the causes and dynamics of domestic violence, characteristics
2 of batterers, victim safety, and sensitivity of victims.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____