

**ACT No. 333**

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HOUSE BILL NO. 421

BY REPRESENTATIVE RITCHIE

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AN ACT

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

§362. Definitions

As used in this Part:

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

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

(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.

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