

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 763

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HUMAN SERVICES: Authorizes and provides for behavioral health intervention and stabilization units

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 28:931 and 932, relative to healthcare services for persons experiencing
3 mental health or behavioral health crises; to authorize establishment of facilities to
4 be known as intervention and stabilization units; to provide for powers of human
5 services districts and authorities with respect to such facilities; to provide for the
6 geographic location of such facilities; to condition establishment of any such facility
7 upon appropriation of funds; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 28:931 and 932 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §931. Definitions; purposes

11 A. As used in this Part, intervention and stabilization unit means a type of
12 crisis receiving center in which a staff of mental health and behavioral health
13 specialists provide a high level of screening and assessment to people experiencing
14 mental health or behavioral health crises.

15 B. The purposes of an intervention and stabilization unit include, without
16 limitation, all of the following:

17 (1) To properly connect patients experiencing mental health or behavioral
18 health crises to either acute or ongoing community-based treatment.

19 (2) To diminish the need in a community for recurrent crisis services for
20 persons suffering from mental illness, substance abuse, or both conditions.

1 (3) To serve as a crisis continuum component that assists law enforcement
2 officers, hospital emergency departments, and jails by treating persons with mental
3 health and behavioral health conditions in an appropriate setting.

4 §932. Intervention and stabilization units; establishment and operation; duties of
5 human services districts and authorities

6 A. Human services districts and authorities are hereby authorized to establish
7 intervention and stabilization units in accordance with the provisions of this Section.

8 B. Subject to appropriation for this purpose, a human services district or
9 authority may establish and operate an intervention and stabilization unit in any
10 parish that meets all of the following criteria:

11 (1) The parish has a population of more than four hundred forty thousand
12 according to the latest federal decennial census.

13 (2) The parish experienced the closure of a hospital provided for in R.S.
14 17:1519.2 that had been operated by the Health Care Services Division of the LSU
15 Health Sciences Center-New Orleans.

16 C. Human services districts and authorities are hereby authorized, but are not
17 required, to establish any intervention and stabilization unit pursuant to this Section
18 as a Level III (freestanding) crisis receiving center in accordance with the provisions
19 of R.S. 28:22 and LAC 48:I.5301 et seq.

20 Section 2.(A) The Louisiana State Law Institute is hereby directed to designate R.S.
21 28:911 through 920 as Part I of Chapter 21 of Title 28 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of
22 1950, and to entitle the Part "Human Services Districts and Authorities: General
23 Provisions".

24 (B) The Louisiana State Law Institute is hereby directed to designate R.S. 28:931
25 and 932, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, as Part II of Chapter 21 of Title 28 of the
26 Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, and to entitle the Part "Intervention and Stabilization
27 Units".

 DIGEST

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HB 763 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Authorizes establishment of intervention and stabilization units by human services districts and authorities.

Proposed law defines "intervention and stabilization unit" as a type of crisis receiving center in which a staff of mental health and behavioral health specialists provide a high level of screening and assessment to people experiencing mental health or behavioral health crises. Provides that the purposes of a intervention and stabilization unit include, without limitation, all of the following:

- (1) To properly connect patients experiencing mental health or behavioral health crises to either acute or ongoing community-based treatment.
- (2) To diminish the need in a community for recurrent crisis services for persons suffering from mental illness, substance abuse, or both conditions.
- (3) To serve as a crisis continuum component that assists law enforcement officers, hospital emergency departments, and jails by treating persons with mental health and behavioral health conditions in an appropriate setting.

Proposed law authorizes human services districts and authorities to establish intervention and stabilization units in accordance with the provisions of proposed law. Provides that subject to appropriation therefor, a human services district or authority may establish and operate an intervention and stabilization unit in any parish that meets all of the following criteria:

- (1) The parish has a population of more than 440,000 according to the latest federal decennial census.
- (2) The parish experienced the closure of a hospital that had been operated by the LSU Health Care Services Division.

Proposed law stipulates that human services districts and authorities are authorized, but not required, to establish any intervention and stabilization unit pursuant to proposed law as a Level III (freestanding) crisis receiving center.

(Adds R.S. 28:931 and 932)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Stipulate that human services districts and authorities are authorized, but not required, to establish any mental health emergency room extension pursuant to proposed law as a Level III (freestanding) crisis receiving center in accordance with present administrative law.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Change the designation of the type of facility provided for in proposed law from "mental health emergency room extension" to "intervention and stabilization unit".
2. Stipulate that human services districts and authorities are authorized to establish intervention and stabilization units as Level III (freestanding) crisis receiving centers in accordance with present law relative to crisis response systems (R.S. 28:22), as well as with present administrative law relative to crisis receiving centers.