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(13.1) "Evidence-based program" means a program or practice that has had multiple site random controlled trials across heterogeneous populations demonstrating that the program or practice is effective for the population.

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(33.1) "Other programs and activities" means all programs and activities that do not fit the definition of evidence-based, research-based, or promising practices programs.

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~~(38)~~**(36.1) "Performance-based budget" means a budget which relates funding to expected results.**

~~(39)~~**(36.2) "Performance standard" means the expected level of performance associated with a particular performance indicator for a particular period.**

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(37.1) "Program catalogue" means a compendium of programs compiled by a reputable source that publishes information for use by the government.

(37.2) "Program inventory" means the complete list of all proposed agency programs and activities that meet any definition set out in this Section.

(37.3) "Promising practices" means a practice that presents, based upon preliminary information, potential for becoming a research-based or evidence-based program or practice.

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(40.1) "Research-based program" means a program or practice that has some research demonstrating effectiveness, but that does not yet meet the

1 standard of evidence-based practices.

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3 §87.7. Evidence-based budget process

4 A. Legislative staff of the Senate and the House of Representatives shall
5 develop guidelines to incorporate the provisions of this Section to establish a
6 pilot evidence-based budget proposal process for adult mental health programs
7 administered by the Louisiana Department of Health. The guidelines shall be
8 submitted to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget on or before July
9 1, 2018, for review and approval. The proposal shall include guidelines to utilize
10 program catalogues, program inventory, promising practices, and research-
11 based programs. No later than July 1, 2019, when possible, the Louisiana
12 Department of Health shall use the guidelines for evidence-based budgeting to
13 select programs for the delivery of care for adult mental health.

14 B. The legislative staff of the Senate and the House of Representatives
15 shall work in conjunction with the Louisiana Department of Health to:

16 (1) Inventory programs.

17 (2) Categorize all agency programs and activities as evidence-based,
18 research-based, promising practices, or other programs and activities with no
19 evidence of effectiveness, and compile them into an agency program inventory.
20 In categorizing programs, the staffs may consult the Washington State Institute
21 for Public Policy's Evidence-Based Practices Institute's program catalogue, the
22 Results First Clearinghouse Database, or any other comparable catalogue of
23 evidence-based programs.

24 Section 2. R.S. 39:2(38) and (39) are hereby repealed.

25 Section 3. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2017.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Ben Huxen.

DIGEST

SB 187 Engrossed

2017 Regular Session

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- (3) Determine benefit-cost ratios for all evidence-based programs in the selected policy areas.

Effective July 1, 2017.

(Adds R.S. 39:2(13.1), (33.1), (36.1), (36.2), (37.1), (37.2), (37.3), (40.1), and 87.7; repeals R.S. 39:2(38) and (39))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the original bill

1. Deletes provisions providing that, beginning with the Fiscal Year 2019 budget cycle, the Legislative Fiscal Office shall require all agencies with responsibilities to deliver services in the areas of child welfare, mental health, and substance abuse (including local entities that receive state funding for these areas), to comply with certain requirements with respect to the inventorying of agency programs and the computation of benefit-cost ratios for use in the budgeting process.
2. Deletes provisions requiring the Legislative Fiscal Office to report to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget the results of all activities, with recommendations for further evaluation of research-based or promising practices programs, the elimination or replacement of ineffective programs, and the funding of effective programs, based on benefit-cost ratios and the learnings gained.

3. Deletes provisions specifying that the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget may incorporate such recommendations into the Fiscal Year 2019 budget and appropriations bills, or delay such incorporation until the committee is satisfied that the information collected and inventoried will enhance accountability and performance measurement for the programs and activities of state agencies.
4. Deletes provisions requiring the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget to, no later than the 2020 Regular Session of the Legislature, make a recommendation to the legislature regarding the application of the processes and requirements of this Section to other policy areas with evidenced-based programs.
5. Changes responsibility from the Legislative Fiscal Office to the legislative staff of the Senate and the House of Representatives.
6. Requires that legislative staff of the Senate and the House of Representatives shall develop guidelines to incorporate the provisions of the proposed law to establish a pilot evidence-based budget proposal process for adult mental health programs administered by the Louisiana Department of Health. The guidelines shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget on or before July 1, 2018, for review and approval. The proposal shall include guidelines to utilize program catalogues, program inventory, promising practices, and research-based programs. No later than July 1, 2019, when possible, the Louisiana Department of Health shall use the guidelines for evidence-based budgeting to select programs for the delivery of care for adult mental health.