
DIGEST

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Hill

HB No. 1155

Abstract: Makes approval of the parish governing authority in which the home is to be located, a condition of licensure for therapeutic group homes for youth suffering from mental illness.

Present law provides relative to licensure by the Dept. of Health and Hospitals (DHH) of facilities delivering residential supports and services through the Medicaid Residential Treatment Option to youth suffering from mental illness.

Proposed law retains present law and further provides that, as a condition of licensure, any person or entity seeking to establish and operate a therapeutic group home in certain specified parishes shall have the approval of the governing authority of the parish in which the group home is intended to be located. Additionally provides that the parish governing authority may grant such approval only after providing an opportunity for public comment concerning the application for licensure of the group home.

Proposed law applies only in the following parishes:

- (1) A parish with a population of more than 25,000 and less than 26,000 according to the latest federal decennial census.
- (2) A parish with a population of more than 35,000 and less than 35,700 according to the latest federal decennial census.
- (3) A parish with a population of more than 52,200 and less than 52,700 according to the latest federal decennial census.

(Adds R.S. 40:2009(D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Added provision limiting applicability of proposed law to only the following parishes:
 - (a) A parish with a population of more than 25,000 and less than 26,000 according to the latest federal decennial census.
 - (b) A parish with a population of more than 35,000 and less than 35,700 according to the latest federal decennial census.
 - (c) A parish with a population of more than 52,200 and less than 52,700 according to the latest federal decennial census.
2. Made technical changes.