

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 26

BY SENATOR MCMATH

HEALTH SERVICES. Provides relative to opioid treatment programs. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To repeal R.S. 40:2116(B)(5) and 2159, relative to opioid treatment programs; to repeal the
3 facility need review requirements for opioid treatment programs; and to provide for
4 related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 40:2116(B)(5) and 2159 are hereby repealed.

7 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
8 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
9 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
10 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
11 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services.
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or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

	DIGEST	
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Present law requires the La. Dept. of Health to utilize facility need review to determine the
need for new or additional opioid treatment programs licensed under a behavioral health

services provider license.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law further prohibits the department from licensing any opioid treatment programs unless the department determines that there is a need for another opioid treatment program in a certain geographic location, pursuant to criteria and processes established by the department.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Repeals R.S. 40:2116(B)(5) and 2159)