

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 245

BY SENATOR MYERS

MENTAL HEALTH. Provides relative to treatments for veterans. (8/1/26)

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 28:810, relative to treatments for veterans; to require the Louisiana Department of Health to develop a veteran suicide prevention plan; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 28:810 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§810. Veteran suicide prevention

A. The legislature finds that a public health approach to preventing suicide among veterans is of the utmost importance. This approach to preventing veteran suicide encompasses a wide range of collaborative efforts.

B. The Louisiana Department of Health, office of behavioral health shall develop a comprehensive plan to prevent veteran suicides, including connecting veterans to ongoing, barrier-free care and utilizing non-traditional, high-impact interventions that can rapidly stabilize post-traumatic stress disorder symptoms.

C. The department shall submit the plan to the legislature no later than January 1, 2027.

