

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

**HB 250**

**2019 Regular Session**

**Davis**

HEALTH/BEHAVIORAL: Requires residential treatment facilities to provide access to medication-assisted treatment for patients with opioid use disorder

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Delete a requirement that access to opioid antagonist treatment be offered onsite at residential substance use disorder facilities.
2. Extend the period in which the La. Department of Health is prohibited from taking actions against behavioral health services providers to enforce proposed law by changing the date of its conclusion from Jan. 1, 2020, to Jan. 1, 2021.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

Proposed law requires each residential treatment facility licensed pursuant to present law, R.S. 40:2151 et seq., which provides treatment for opioid use disorder to provide all of the following:

- (1) Access to at least one form of FDA-approved opioid antagonist treatment.
- (2) Onsite access to at least one form of FDA-approved partial opioid agonist treatment.

Proposed law requires each residential substance use disorder facility licensed pursuant to present law which provides treatment for opioid use disorder to submit to the La. Department of Health (LDH) on its initial licensing application or its annual licensing renewal application an attestation as to whether it is complying with the requirements of proposed law. Provides that the requirement for submission of the attestation shall commence on Jan. 1, 2021. Provides further that if the licensed facility is not fully complying with the requirements of proposed law, then its attestation shall include a report addressing its progress toward satisfying those requirements.

Proposed law prohibits LDH from taking any action prior to Jan. 1, 2021, to enforce the requirements of proposed law for residential substance use disorder facilities to submit attestations to the department relative to their compliance with proposed law.

Proposed law prohibits LDH from taking any action prior to Jan. 1, 2021, against a residential treatment facility licensed as of the effective date of proposed law for failure to comply with proposed law.

Effective Jan. 1, 2020.

(Amends R.S. 40:2156(B)(intro. para.) and (6); Adds R.S. 40:2153(15) and 2159.1)