

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 7

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONSTON

DOMESTIC ABUSE: Provides relative to court-monitored domestic abuse intervention programs

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:35.3(B)(3)(introductory paragraph), relative to domestic
3 abuse; to provide relative to definitions; to provide relative to court-monitored
4 domestic abuse intervention programs; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 14:35.3(B)(3)(introductory paragraph) is hereby amended and
7 reenacted to read as follows:

8 §35.3. Domestic abuse battery

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10 B. For purposes of this Section:

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12 (3) "Court-monitored domestic abuse intervention program" means a
13 program, comprised of a minimum of twenty-six in-person or face-to-face via online
14 interactive, synchronous communication with the instructor sessions occurring over
15 a minimum of twenty-six weeks, ~~that follows a model designed specifically for~~
16 ~~perpetrators of domestic abuse.~~ Any technology prohibited by the Health Insurance
17 Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, P.L. 104-191 shall not be allowed. The
18 offender's progress in the program shall be monitored by the court. The provider of
19 the program shall have all of the following:

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Amends the court-monitored domestic abuse intervention program to include online instruction, no longer directs the program's sessions to follow a specific model, and prohibits the use of any technology prohibited by HIPAA.

Present law defines the court-monitored domestic abuse intervention program as a program that is comprised of a minimum of 26 in-person sessions occurring over a minimum of 26 weeks, following a model designed specifically for perpetrators of domestic abuse.

Proposed law retains present law and allows the program's sessions to also be conducted via face-to-face via online interactive, synchronous communication with the instructor.

Proposed law removes the present law provision that the program's sessions follow a model designed specifically for perpetrators of domestic abuse.

Proposed law prohibits the use of technology prohibited by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, P.L. 104-191.

(Amends R.S. 14:35.3(B)(3)(intro. para.))