

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to Original House Bill No. 326 by Representative Willmott

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "1423(A)(2)" and before the comma "," insert "and to enact
3 Children's Code Article 1404(23) and (24)"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 1, line 3, after "procedure;" and before "to" insert "to provide for definitions;"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 3

7 On page 1, line 13, after "reenacted" and before "to" insert "and Children's Code Article
8 1404(23) and (24) are hereby enacted"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 4

10 On page 1, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:

11 "Art. 1404. Definitions
12 As used in this Title
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14 (23)(a) "Psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner" means an advanced
15 practice registered nurse licensed to practice as a nurse practitioner or clinical nurse
16 specialist by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, in accordance with the provisions
17 of R.S. 37:911 et seq., who focuses clinical practice on individuals, families, or
18 populations across the life span at risk for developing or having a diagnosis of
19 psychiatric disorders, mental health problems, or both. A psychiatric mental health
20 nurse practitioner means a specialist who provides primary mental health care to
21 patients seeking mental health services in a wide range of settings. Primary mental
22 health care provided by a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner involves the
23 continuous and comprehensive services necessary for the promotion of optimal
24 mental health, prevention and treatment of psychiatric disorders, and health
25 maintenance. Such primary health care includes the assessment, diagnosis, and
26 management of mental health problems and psychiatric disorders. A psychiatric
27 mental health nurse practitioner means a provider of direct mental health care
28 services who synthesizes theoretical, scientific, and clinical knowledge for the
29 assessment and management of both health and illness states and who is licensed to
30 practice as a nurse practitioner in Louisiana, in accordance with R.S. 37:911 et seq.
31 (b) For purposes of this Title, a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner shall
32 have at least two years training, primary experience, or both, in diagnosis and
33 treatment of mental illness. For purposes of this Title, a psychiatric mental health
34 nurse practitioner shall also have authority from the Louisiana State Board of
35 Nursing to prescribe legend and certain controlled drugs, in accordance with the
36 provisions of R.S. 37:913(3)(b), (8), and (9).
37 (24) "Psychologist" means an individual licensed to practice psychology in
38 Louisiana in accordance with R.S. 37:2351 et seq., or licensed to practice medical
39 psychology in Louisiana in accordance with R.S. 37:1360.51 et seq., and who has
40 been engaged in the practice of a clinical specialty for not less than three years.

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