

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to Original Senate Bill No. 539 by Senator Nevers

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 3, after "intervention, treatment" insert ", "

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 4, after "certain professionals;" delete the rest of line 4 and line 5 through "certain exemptions;" and insert:

"to provide relative to the Department of Health and Hospitals posting on the department's official website a link to these training programs; to provide relative to continuing education;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, delete lines 13 through 16, and insert:

**"A. In recognition of the state of Louisiana's goal in reducing the number of suicides and suicide attempts each year in Louisiana, beginning January 1, 2015, the Department of Health and Hospitals shall offer each of the following professionals certified, licensed, or registered in Louisiana access to certain training in suicide assessment, intervention, treatment, and management through posting links to such training on the department's official website:"**

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, delete lines 13 through 29 and insert:

**"B. The training offered via online access by the department under this Chapter may be such that it is offered in either continuous multi-hour blocks or spread over shorter training sessions."**

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, delete lines 1 and 2

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 3, line 3, delete "; exemptions"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 3, delete lines 4 through 8, and insert:

**"A. The disciplining authorities over the professions listed in R.S. 37:24(A), at each board's discretion, may approve the hours spent completing training in suicide assessment, intervention, treatment, and management under this Chapter as hours that may count toward meeting any applicable continuing education or continuing competency requirements for each profession.**  
**B. Obtaining any training offered via department website links under this Chapter shall not"**

1 AMENDMENT NO. 8

2 On page 3, delete lines 13 through 17

3 AMENDMENT NO. 9

4 On page 3, line 18, delete "(1) Consider" and insert:

5 "A. The secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals shall  
6 develop a list of available programs providing training in suicide assessment,  
7 intervention, treatment, and management. In developing such a list, the  
8 secretary shall consider the"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 10

10 On page 3, line 19, delete "of at least six hours in length"

11 AMENDMENT NO. 11

12 On page 3, line 21, delete "; and", insert " ;"

13 AMENDMENT NO. 12

14 On page 3, delete lines 22 through 27, and insert:

15 "B. On or before January 1, 2015, the secretary shall make available on  
16 the department's official website online access to its list under this Section, and  
17 where possible links to training programs on the department's list. At the  
18 secretary's discretion, the department may also list on its official website where  
19 and when such training programs may be available for attendance in person in  
20 the state of Louisiana. At the discretion of each board, the disciplining  
21 authorities may provide links on their official board websites to the training  
22 programs linked on the department's official website."

23 AMENDMENT NO. 13

24 On page 4, delete lines 2 through 4

25 AMENDMENT NO. 14

26 On page 4, delete line 6, and insert:

27 "As used in this Chapter, the following definitions shall apply:"

28 AMENDMENT NO. 15

29 On page 4, line 9, delete "requirements of" and insert "access offered under"

30 AMENDMENT NO. 16

31 On page 4, on line 11, delete "approved by the" and on line 12, delete "appropriate  
32 disciplining authority"

33 AMENDMENT NO. 17

34 On page 4, delete lines 15 through 18.