

Regular Session, 2012
HOUSE BILL NO. 326
BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLMOTT

ACT No. 489

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Children's Code Articles 1421, 1422(A)(1) and (2), and 1423(A)(2)
3 and to enact Children's Code Article 1404(23) and (24), relative to the emergency
4 certificate admission procedure; to provide for definitions; to authorize a family
5 psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner or psychologist to execute an emergency
6 certificate under certain circumstances; to require the inclusion of the date that an
7 examination was conducted by a family psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner
8 or psychologist on the emergency certificate; to require the director of a treatment
9 facility to provide the parish coroner with the name of the family psychiatric mental
10 health nurse practitioner or psychologist that executed an emergency certificate for
11 a minor's admission to treatment; and to provide for related matters.

12 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

13 Section 1. Children's Code Articles 1421, 1422(A)(1) and (2), and 1423(A)(2) are
14 hereby amended and reenacted and Children's Code Article 1404(23) and (24) are hereby
15 enacted to read as follows:

16 Art. 1404. Definitions

17 As used in this Title:

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19 (23) "Family psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner" means an
20 individual who maintains the credentials as such and meets the requirements of a
21 "psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner" as provided in R.S. 28:2(21.2).
22 Further, a family psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner shall have been
23 engaged in clinical practice for not less than three years.

24 (24) "Psychologist" means an individual licensed to practice psychology in
25 Louisiana in accordance with R.S. 37:2351 et seq., or licensed to practice medical

1 (2) Name of certifying physician, family psychiatric mental health nurse
2 practitioner, or psychologist.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____