

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 336

BY REPRESENTATIVE LYONS

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

HEALTH/BEHAVIORAL: Exempts certain school-based behavioral health service providers from the Behavioral Health Services Provider Licensing Law

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:2154(A)(12), relative to behavioral health services providers;  
3 to exempt local public school governing authorities from certain behavioral health  
4 services provider licensing requirements; to provide criteria for such exemption; and  
5 to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 40:2154(A)(12) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §2154. Applicability

9 A. The provisions of this Part shall not apply to the licensing of any of the  
10 following facilities or persons and shall not be construed as requiring any of the  
11 following facilities or persons to seek licensure as a behavioral health services  
12 provider:

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14 (12)(a) School-based health clinics and centers that are certified by the  
15 Louisiana Department of Health, office of public health, and enrolled in the  
16 Louisiana Medicaid program.

17 (b) Local public school governing authorities, if such exemption is  
18 applicable to only school-based behavioral health services provided through the  
19 Medicaid Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment program.

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**DIGEST**

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HB 336 Reengrossed

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**Abstract:** Adds certain school-based psychologists and social workers to those providers exempt from behavioral health provider licensing requirements.

Present law, the Behavioral Health Services Provider Licensing Law, authorizes the La. Dept. of Health (LDH) to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of persons receiving behavioral health services through the licensure and regulation of behavioral health services providers. Exempts certain types of providers from the requirement for licensure, including school-based health clinics and centers that are certified by LDH, office of public health, and enrolled in the La. Medicaid program.

Proposed law retains present law and also exempts from behavioral health services licensure requirements an individual who provides school-based health services through a public school governing authority if the exemption is applicable to only school-based behavioral health services provided through the Medicaid Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment program.

(Amends R.S. 40:2154(A)(12))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Revise proposed law by exempting local public school governing authorities, if the exemption is applicable to only school-based behavioral health services provided through the Medicaid Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment program.
2. Make technical changes.