

SENATE BILL NO. 455

BY SENATOR BARROW

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 28:26, relative to the location of psychiatric facilities; to prohibit certain
3 psychiatric facilities from being located in certain areas; to provide for requirements
4 imposed by local governing authorities; to provide for an effective date; and to
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 28:26 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 **§26. Psychiatric facility; forensic facility; prohibitions**

9 **A.(1) No forensic psychiatric hospital issued an initial license after**
10 **August 1, 2024, shall be constructed, located, or established within one thousand**
11 **feet of a public or private elementary or secondary school or any site on which**
12 **a public or private elementary or secondary school was formerly located.**

13 **(2) This Subsection shall not apply to a forensic psychiatric hospital**
14 **issued an initial license before August 1, 2024, that seeks to renew its license.**

15 **B. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to prohibit a local governing**
16 **authority from prescribing by rule or ordinance any additional requirements**
17 **for facilities provided for in Subsection A of this Section.**

18 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
19 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature

1 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
2 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
3 effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____