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SENATE BILL NO. 487

BY SENATOR CATHEY

HOSPITALS. Provides for hospital drug screenings. (8/1/24)

1	AN ACT
2	To enact R.S. 40:978.2.2, relative to drug screening; to require fentanyl testing in certain
3	circumstances; to provide for reporting; and to provide for related matters.
4	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
5	Section 1. R.S. 40:978.2.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:
6	§978.2.2. Hospital drug screening; fentanyl; minors
7	A. If a minor is treated at a hospital for a suspected opioid overdose and
8	the hospital conducts a urine drug screening to assist in diagnosing the minor's
9	condition, the hospital shall include testing for fentanyl in the minor's urine
10	drug screening.
11	B. If the urine drug screening conducted in accordance with Subsection
12	A of this Section detects fentanyl, the hospital shall report the de-identified test
13	results to the Louisiana Department of Health, office of public health. The office
14	of public health shall treat any reports or documents as confidential and the
15	documents shall not be subject to release pursuant to a public records request
16	or subpoena to the Louisiana Department of Health or the office of public
17	health.

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<u>Proposed law</u> provides that if a hospital conducts a urine drug screening on a minor for a suspected opioid overdose, the screening shall include testing for fentanyl.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the hospital to report any screening conducted pursuant to <u>proposed</u> <u>law</u> that detects fentanyl to the Louisiana Department of Health.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Adds R.S. 40:978.2.2)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill

- 1. Limits the required screenings to apply to minors being treated for a suspected opioid overdose.
- 2. Removes provisions relative to exemptions and liability of liability.