

1 SB428
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3 By Senator Irons
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8 SYNOPSIS: Existing law established standards for
9 counseling programs for perpetrators of domestic
10 violence.

11 This bill would provide further for these
12 standards for the counseling programs.

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14 A BILL
15 TO BE ENTITLED
16 AN ACT

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18 To amend Section 30-7-6 of the Code of Alabama 1975,
19 relating to perpetrator programs; to provide further for the
20 standards for the counseling programs for perpetrators of
21 domestic violence.

22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

23 Section 1. Section 30-7-6 of the Code of Alabama
24 1975, is amended to read as follows:

25 "§30-7-6.

26 "(a) The coalition shall establish minimum program
27 ~~and treatment~~ standards for perpetrator counseling programs.

1 The standards shall be used ~~as guidelines~~ by the courts for
2 recommending referral to the programs. ~~Perpetrator programs~~
3 ~~shall:~~

4 "(b) Programs providing education intervention
5 services to perpetrators of domestic violence shall:

6 "(1) Be operated by community-based, ~~nonprofit~~
7 agencies that are governed by a board of directors which
8 reflects the community each serves.

9 "(2) Have as the primary goal ~~of the treatment~~
10 ~~program~~ the reduction and elimination of domestic violence.

11 "(3) Operate its principal place of business or
12 service activity in the state.

13 "(4) ~~Agree to, accept~~ Accept, adopt, and implement
14 the prevailing minimum state standards for perpetrator
15 programs as established by the coalition.

16 "(5) Provide documentation of such adoption and
17 implementation of the prevailing state standards established
18 by the coalition to referring courts.

19 "~~(b)~~ (c) Perpetrator treatment programs shall not be
20 eligible to receive state funds allocated to the coalition for
21 disbursement to shelters."

22 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
23 first day of the third month following its passage and
24 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.