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DIGEST

SB 174 Original

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Jackson-Andrews

Present law requires a physician who attends a pregnant woman for conditions relating to pregnancy to offer to take a blood sample at the time of her first examination, during her third trimester, and during labor or delivery to test for HIV and syphilis. Present law further requires the physician to take the blood sample if the woman does not object.

Present law provides for circumstances in which the attending physician is not required to offer the HIV and syphilis screening.

Proposed law requires the physician or authorized medical professional to order the blood sample at the designated intervals and to notify the woman that the testing will be performed.

Proposed law provides that consent is implied unless the woman declines the testing.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 40:1121.21)