
SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2025 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to Original Senate Bill No. 174 by Senator Jackson-Andrews

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "R.S. 40:1121.21" delete the remainder of the line and insert "and
3 to enact R.S. 40:1123.5, relative to pregnancy screenings;"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 1, line 3, delete "syphilis;"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 3

7 On page 1, line 5, after "date;" insert "to provide for screening of pregnant women for
8 substance use disorder;"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 4

10 On page 1, line 7, after "reenacted" insert "and R.S. 40:1123.5 is hereby enacted"

11 AMENDMENT NO. 5

12 On page 3, between lines 24 and 25, insert the following:

13 **§1123.5. Prenatal screening for substance use disorder**
14 **A. Every licensed healthcare provider who provides prenatal care to a pregnant**
15 **woman shall screen her for substance use disorder during the first trimester of**
16 **pregnancy or at the time of first examination after confirming pregnancy, if the**
17 **provider utilizing his professional medical judgment believes that the screening would**
18 **be in the best interest of the patient and such screening has not already occurred. The**
19 **healthcare provider providing such screening shall utilize a validated verbal screening**
20 **tool for substance use disorder that aligns with standards of the American College of**
21 **Obstetricians and Gynecologists. The Louisiana Department of Health, office of public**
22 **health shall post a list of approved validated verbal screening tools on its website. For**
23 **purposes of this Section, "licensed healthcare provider" means a physician, advanced**
24 **practice registered nurse, or physician assistant.**
25 **B. After administering the screening provided for in Subsection A of this**
26 **Section, a licensed healthcare provider who determines that a pregnant woman is at**
27 **risk for substance use disorder shall refer the woman for appropriate treatment.**
28 **C. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, licensure surveys of**
29 **healthcare facilities conducted by the Louisiana Department of Health may evaluate**
30 **for compliance with this Section.**