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DIGEST

SB 32 Original

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Proposed law establishes a Perinatal Bereavement Care Initiative within the La. Dept. of Health, office on women's health and community health.

Proposed law requires the office to coordinate with the Commission on Perinatal Care and Prevention of Infant Mortality and nonprofit organizations to provide perinatal bereavement resources to hospitals that provide maternity care.

Proposed law requires the office to prioritize hospitals that lack access to a perinatal bereavement device, treat a high number of high-risk maternal patients, and deliver a high number of babies.

Proposed law authorizes the La. Dept. of Health to seek and receive federal funds, gifts, grants, and donations for purposes of implementing proposed law.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends the heading of Part XII-A of Ch. 5-B of Title 40 of the La. Revised Statutes of 1950; adds R.S. 40:1124.3)