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Subject: Establishes a Perinatal Bereavement Care Initiative	

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 Establishes a Perinatal Bereavement Care Initiative within the Louisiana Department of Health. (8/1/26)

Proposed law creates and establishes the Perinatal Bereavement Care Initiative with the LA Department of Health (LDH), Office on Women’s Health and Community Health. Proposed law requires the department to administer the initiative to improve access to and the quality of perinatal bereavement care in the state. Proposed law requires the department to coordinate with the Commission on Perinatal Care and Prevention of Infant Mortality and nonprofit organizations to provide certain resources to hospitals to provide maternity care including: (1) training for hospital personnel, (2) perinatal bereavement devices, and (3) identifying available perinatal bereavement services, such as grief counseling and support groups. Proposed law requires the department to prioritize hospitals that lack access to perinatal bereavement devices, treat high-risk maternal patients, and deliver babies. Proposed law allows the department to seek and receive voluntary funds from any source to provide for proposed law.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Agy. Self-Gen.	SEE BELOW					
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	SEE BELOW					
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Annual Total

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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may increase state expenditures within LDH, Office on Women’s Health and Community Health, associated with administering the Perinatal Bereavement Care Initiative, providing training resources to hospitals, and purchasing perinatal bereavement devices for hospitals that lack such equipment. Expenditures will depend on the number of hospitals requiring devices and the extent of training provided. The LFO has contacted LDH for estimated expenditure, but LDH has not yet responded to the request.

Similar legislation enacted in Texas (HB 37, 2025), called “Everly’s Law,” created a statewide Perinatal Bereavement Care Initiative requiring hospitals to make bereavement counseling resources available, encourage the use of perinatal bereavement devices, and establish training for hospital staff. The Texas Legislature appropriated \$5 M to support the implementation of this initiative.

For informational purposes, a common example of a perinatal bereavement device is the CuddleCot system, which regulates cooling through discreet, flexible, temperature-controlled pads that allow parents to hold, cradle, and spend uninterrupted time with their baby. The cost of perinatal bereavement devices varies between \$3,000 to \$7,000 per device.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law authorizes LDH to receive federal fund and voluntary monies, including gifts, grants, and donations, which may offset program costs. The amount of revenue that would be received from voluntary monies is speculative and indeterminable.

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