

1 **B. The office shall coordinate with the Commission on Perinatal Care**
2 **and Prevention of Infant Mortality and nonprofit organizations to provide the**
3 **following resources to hospitals with a maternity unit or neonatal intensive care**
4 **unit:**

5 **(1) Training for hospital personnel on interacting with parents and**
6 **family members following an intrauterine fetal demise, neonatal death, or**
7 **stillbirth.**

8 **(2) A perinatal cooling device that is available to any family that**
9 **experiences an intrauterine fetal demise, neonatal death, stillbirth, or infant**
10 **death at the hospital.**

11 **(3) Education for staff on use of the device. Any nursing staff using a**
12 **perinatal cooling device shall either receive training on use of the device or**
13 **complete a perinatal bereavement certificate program.**

14 **(4) Identifying available perinatal bereavement services for parents and**
15 **family members, including grief counseling and support groups.**

16 **C.(1) The office shall identify each hospital that has a maternity unit or**
17 **neonatal intensive care unit.**

18 **(2) The office shall prioritize hospitals that lack access to a perinatal**
19 **cooling device, treat a high number of high-risk maternal patients, and deliver**
20 **a high number of babies.**

21 **D. The department may seek and receive voluntary monies from any**
22 **sources, including federal funds, gifts, grants, and donations, which shall be**
23 **expended for the purposes provided for in this Section.**

24 **E. Beginning February 1, 2027, through February 1, 2030, the Louisiana**
25 **Department of Health shall submit an annual report to the Senate Health and**
26 **Welfare Committee and the House Health and Welfare Committee on the**
27 **progress of the initiative. The report shall include a list of the hospitals that**
28 **meet the criteria for the initiative, the hospitals that have participated, funding**
29 **received and utilized for the initiative, the number of perinatal cooling devices**

1 **distributed, and training completed by the appropriate hospital staff.**

2 Section 2. This Act shall be known and may be cited as "Angel's Law".

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

DIGEST

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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 or neonatal intensive care unit.

Proposed law requires the office to prioritize hospitals that lack access to a perinatal cooling 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.

Proposed law requires the La. Dept. of Health to submit an annual progress report on the progress of the initiative beginning Feb. 1, 2027, through Feb. 1, 2030, to the Senate and House committees on health and welfare.

Proposed law provides that proposed law shall be known and may be cited as "Angel's 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)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill

1. Extends applicability of the initiative to hospitals with a neonatal intensive care unit.
2. Provides for additional resources and education available to hospital staff.
3. Provides for reporting requirements.
4. Names proposed law "Angel's Law".