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 DIGEST

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SB 32 Engrossed

2026 Regular Session

McMath

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 a 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".

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the engrossed bill:

1. Make technical changes.