The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by LG Sullivan.

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<u>Present federal law</u>, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, P.L. 111-148, (ACA) requires health insurance policies to conform to certain standards. Provides, among other requirements, that dependent children who are eligible to be covered by a parent's policy do not become ineligible due to age until they are 26 years old and that a policy may not contain preexisting condition exclusions or limitations on annual or lifetime benefits.

<u>Proposed law</u> incorporates these three requirements into La. law starting Jan. 1, 2020, applicable only to benefits considered to be "essential health benefits" under the ACA on Jan. 1, 2019.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 22:1195-1198)

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