

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law requires the coroner to perform or cause to be performed an autopsy in all cases of infants under the age of one year who die unexpectedly without explanation.

New law retains existing law.

New law requires the autopsy report for any child under the age of nine who dies unexpectedly without explanation to include documentation of any immunizations administered to the child within 90 days of the child's death.

New law authorizes the coroner or any individual contracted to perform an autopsy on behalf of the coroner to access immunization records through the immunization registry.

Existing law requires the coroner to notify the director of the parish health unit if he finds that the cause of death was Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

New law requires the coroner to report to the La. Dept. of Health if he finds that the cause of a child's death was Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, Sudden Unexpected Infant Death, Sudden Arrhythmic Death Syndrome, or Sudden Death in the Young.

New law requires the La. Dept. of Health to report the case to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Institutes of Health's Sudden Unexpected Infant Death and Sudden Death in the Young Case Registry.

New law provides that the inclusion of an immunization record in any report does not imply cause of death.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 40:31.14(A); adds R.S. 13:5713(L))