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SB 174 Engrossed

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Present law requires a physician who attends a pregnant woman for conditions relating to pregnancy to offer to take a blood sample at the time of her first examination, during her third trimester, and during labor or delivery to test for HIV and syphilis. Present law further requires the physician to take the blood sample if the woman does not object.

Present law provides for circumstances in which the attending physician is not required to offer the HIV and syphilis screening.

Proposed law requires every primary, treating healthcare provider who provides prenatal care to a pregnant woman to provide HIV and syphilis tests at the woman's initial visit during the first trimester, her first visit during the third trimester, and during labor and delivery and to inform the woman that the testing will be performed.

Proposed law requires insurance coverage of any HIV and syphilis test performed in accordance with proposed law.

Proposed law requires every healthcare provider who provides prenatal care to a pregnant woman to screen her for substance use disorder during the first trimester or at her first exam after confirming pregnancy if the provider believes the screening to be in the best interest of the patient.

Proposed law provides definitions for "healthcare provider".

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

(Amends R.S. 40:1121.21; adds R.S. 40:1123.5)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Changes "physician" to "healthcare provider".
2. Removes language relative to implied consent for HIV and syphilis tests.
3. Removes language requiring all other licensed health care professionals to order HIV

and syphilis tests if patient records do not indicate that tests have already been performed.

4. Requires insurance coverage for HIV and syphilis tests performed in accordance with proposed law.
5. Adds requirement for healthcare providers to offer substance use disorder screenings in certain circumstances.