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Proposed law provides for each healthcare facility licensed by the La. Dept. of Health to adopt policies that promote national best practices on patient safety, support quality improvement initiatives, and empower licensed healthcare providers to take all appropriate steps to prevent a patient safety event.

Proposed law provides for the minimum content of the patient safety policies, including a process for post-occurrence review of the situation to determine whether additional action is required to minimize the likelihood of similar situations in the future.

Proposed law provides that the post-occurrence review may be conducted in conjunction with a patient safety organization and shall be considered a patient safety activity pursuant to the federal Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005.

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