

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 268

BY REPRESENTATIVE MANDIE LANDRY

HEALTH: Directs the Louisiana Department of Health to provide statistical information regarding women's health

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To direct the Louisiana Department of Health to provide certain statistical information
3 regarding women's health to the House and Senate committees on health and welfare.

4 WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States issued a decision in Dobbs v.
5 Jackson Women's Health Organization that overturned Roe v. Wade in June 2022; and

6 WHEREAS, the 2022 Supreme Court decision determined that the U.S. Constitution
7 no longer protects the right to an abortion and returned regulatory authority regarding
8 abortions to the individual states; and

9 WHEREAS, following the Supreme Court decision, Act No. 545 of the 2022 Regular
10 Session of the Legislature restricted the provision of abortion-related healthcare services in
11 this state; and

12 WHEREAS, the legislation allows certain exceptions to the abortion prohibition,
13 which are limited to saving the life or preserving the health of an unborn child, the removal
14 of a dead unborn child, emptying the contents of the uterus after a miscarriage, the removal
15 of an ectopic pregnancy, the use of methotrexate to treat an ectopic pregnancy, procedures
16 necessary to prevent the death or risk of death to the pregnant woman, and the removal of
17 an unborn child who is deemed to be medically futile; and

18 WHEREAS, the enforcement of the 2022 trigger ban on abortion received much
19 public scrutiny from proponents and opponents of the legislation; and

20 WHEREAS, there has been statewide concern for whether expectant mothers were
21 receiving the necessary care to have safe pregnancies; and

1 WHEREAS, after the enactment of the trigger ban, there is concern about whether
2 these new statutes related to the provision of certain maternal healthcare services have
3 affected the maternal healthcare system and its outcomes; and

4 WHEREAS, it is vital for the Louisiana Department of Health to provide the state
5 legislature with the women's health statistics in this state after the enactment of Act No. 545
6 of the 2022 Regular Session of the Legislature and the Dobbs decision.

7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
8 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby direct the Louisiana Department of Health to submit
9 certain statistical information regarding women's health to the House and Senate committees
10 on health and welfare in the form of a written report by February 1, 2025.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contents of the report shall include the rates
12 of full-term pregnancies, miscarriages, stillbirths, maternal mortality, and infant mortality,
13 the amount of Medicaid and private insurance costs associated with pregnancies, the
14 sexually transmitted infection rates for pregnant women, and the domestic violence statistics
15 for pregnant women in this state.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that statistics shall be taken from the past two years
17 and include the average income of the pregnant women who are included in the statistics.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
19 secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health.

DIGEST

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