

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 329 (SB 278)**

**2024 Regular Session**

**Jackson-Andrews**

New law creates the La. Pregnancy and Baby Care Initiative in the Dept. of Children and Family Services.

New law provides for the structure and administration of the program implemented by the La. Pregnancy and Baby Care Initiative. New law provides for a general contractor to manage the program and subcontractors to provide services to eligible participants.

New law provides for eligibility for the program services and provides that the subcontractors may provide services not allowed through the program as long as they do not bill the program for the services.

New law provides for annual reporting.

New law provides that the La. Pregnancy and Baby Care Initiative will be implemented on August 1, 2024, and that it is replacing the Alternatives to Abortion Program administered by the department.

New law provides that the La. Pregnancy and Baby Care Initiative will be funded in a separate line-item of the General Appropriations Act or receive all funds appropriated for the La. Alternatives to Abortions Program.

New law requires the Dept. of Children and Family Services to maintain contracts with providers of the La. Alternatives to Abortions Program in effect prior to August 1, 2024, during the transition to the new program.

New law prohibits the La. Pregnancy and Baby Care Initiative from using funds for any program or service related to abortion.

New law requires the department to promulgate rules for implementation of the program and provides for certain criteria to be included in the rules.

Effective May 28, 2024.

(Adds R.S. 46:972.1)