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Hodges

Present law establishes a Child Death Review Panel under the La. Dept. of Health to identify the cause of death of children below the age of 15 and to reduce the incidence of injury and death to infants and children by requiring that a death investigation be performed in all cases of unexpected deaths of children below the age of 15.

Proposed law establishes a Child Welfare Death Review panel under the Dept. of Children and Family Services to review child fatalities and unexpected deaths of children under the age of 18 in the custody or care of the department.

Proposed law requires the panel to obtain data and records relevant to the causes and circumstances of the deaths from providers, including health care providers, and other sources and to identify patterns and systemic problems to determine what changes, if any, should be made in service delivery.

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(Adds R.S. 46:261)