

SENATE BILL NO. 310

BY SENATOR CLOUD AND REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE, BROUSSARD,
CARLSON, CARVER AND TAYLOR

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:3384 and R.S. 40:31.4, relative to student health centers; to provide with
3 respect to student health centers in public schools; to provide with respect to student
4 health centers on public postsecondary education institution campuses; to provide
5 for the posting of certain information; to provide for pregnancy information and
6 resources; to provide with respect to the design and content of the poster; to provide
7 for requirements of the staff of student health centers; to provide for donations; and
8 to provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 17:3384 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 **§3384. Pregnancy information; student health centers**

12 **A.(1) Any student health center on the campus of a public postsecondary**
13 **education institution shall display signs approved or provided by the Louisiana**
14 **Department of Health, and its designated nonprofit organization, in the**
15 **prescribed locations and in the manner provided for in this Subsection.**

16 **(a) The text of each sign shall read as follows:**

17 **"Pregnant? Help Is Available for You and Your Baby!"**

18 **(b) A website link to the department's pregnancy information and**
19 **pregnancy resources shall be printed on the sign.**

20 **(2) The department, or its designated nonprofit organization, shall design**
21 **and produce the signs. Each sign shall incorporate color graphics. Each sign**
22 **shall be printed on durable signage material that is at least sixteen inches by**
23 **twenty inches, and the text shall be printed in a large, easily readable font.**

24 **B. Student health center staff shall display the signs in each patient**
25 **admission area, patient waiting room, and patient consultation room.**

26 **C. This Subsection does not require the Louisiana Department of Health**

1 to spend its funds to purchase such signs. The Louisiana Department of Health
2 may spend donated funds to purchase the signs provided for in this Section or
3 may accept donated signs provided for in this Section as long as the donated
4 signs are approved by the Louisiana Department of Health.

5 D. As used in this Section, "designated nonprofit organization" means
6 a private, nonprofit organization that is tax-exempt under the United States
7 Internal Revenue Code, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3), and that is designated
8 by the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health to assist the department
9 in furtherance of the provisions of this Section.

10 Section 2. R.S. 40:31.4 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 **§31.4. Pregnancy information; health centers in schools**

12 A.(1) Any school health center as provided in R.S. 40:31.3 in a public
13 high school shall display signs provided by the Louisiana Department of Health,
14 or its designated nonprofit organization, in the prescribed locations and in the
15 manner provided for in this Subsection.

16 (a) The text of each sign shall read as follows:

17 "Pregnant? Help Is Available for You and Your Baby!"

18 (b) A website link to the department's pregnancy information and
19 pregnancy resources shall be printed on the sign.

20 (2) The department, or its designated nonprofit organization, shall design
21 and produce the signs. Each sign shall incorporate color graphics. Each sign
22 shall be printed on durable signage material that is at least sixteen inches by
23 twenty inches, and the text shall be printed in a large, easily readable font.

24 B. Student health center staff shall display the signs in each patient
25 admission area, patient waiting room, and patient consultation room.

26 C. This Subsection does not require the Louisiana Department of Health
27 to spend its funds to purchase such signs. The Louisiana Department of Health
28 may spend donated funds to purchase the signs provided for in this Section or
29 may accept donated signs provided for in this Section as long as the donated
30 signs are approved by the Louisiana Department of Health.

1 **D. As used in this Section, "designated nonprofit organization" means**
 2 **a private, nonprofit organization that is tax-exempt under the United States**
 3 **Internal Revenue Code, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3), and that is designated**
 4 **by the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health to assist the department**
 5 **in furtherance of the provisions of this Section.**

6 Section 3. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Signs of Hope Act".

7 Section 4. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 8 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 9 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 10 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 11 effective on the day following such approval.

 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

 GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____