

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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New law establishes a Perinatal Bereavement Care Initiative within the La. Dept. of Health, office on women's health and community health.

New law requires the office to coordinate with the Commission on Perinatal Care and Prevention of Infant Mortality and nonprofit organizations to provide perinatal bereavement resources to hospitals that provide maternity care or a neonatal intensive care unit.

New law requires the office to prioritize hospitals that lack access to a perinatal cooling device, treat a high number of high-risk maternal patients, and deliver a high number of babies.

New law authorizes the La. Dept. of Health to seek and receive federal funds, gifts, grants, and donations for purposes of implementing new law.

New law requires the La. Dept. of Health to submit an annual progress report on the progress of the initiative beginning Feb. 1, 2027, through Feb. 1, 2030, to the Senate and House committees on health and welfare.

New law provides that new law shall be known and may be cited as "Angel's Law".

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends the heading of Part XII-A of Ch. 5-B of Title 40 of the La. Revised Statutes of 1950; adds R.S. 40:1124.3)