

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS****HB 658****2018 Regular Session****Leger**

CHILDREN/NEWBORNS: Provides for a neonatal opiate withdrawal syndrome pilot project to improve outcomes associated with neonatal abstinence syndrome

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Requires that the Louisiana Department of Health work in coordination with the Department of Children and Family Services and stakeholders, including but not limited to the Louisiana Commission on Perinatal Care and Prevention of Infant Mortality and the Louisiana Perinatal Quality Collaborative to implement the pilot program.
2. Provides that the Louisiana Department of Health may provide access to the United States Food and Drug Administration approved medication-assisted treatment to females with a history of giving birth to neonatal abstinence syndrome affected infants.
3. Provides that the Louisiana Department of Health may administer the pilot project consistent with the Controlled Substance Act, as amended by Section 303 of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

Proposed law creates a neonatal opiate withdrawal syndrome pilot project within the La. Dept. of Health (LDH).

Proposed law establishes the duties of LDH in implementing the pilot project.

Proposed law requires the pilot project to be an evidence-based pilot project conducted by a multi-disciplinary team to treat infants with neonatal opiate withdrawal syndrome by providing care options that are safe alternatives to the intensive care unit in existing community or hospital settings for eligible mother-infant dyads.

Proposed law requires LDH to work in coordination with the Department of Children and Family Services and stakeholders, including but not limited to the Louisiana Commission on Perinatal Care and Prevention of Infant Mortality and the Louisiana Perinatal Quality Collaborative to implement the pilot program.

Proposed law provides that LDH may provide access to U.S. FDA approved medication-assisted treatment to females with a history of giving birth to neonatal abstinence syndrome affected infants.

Proposed law provides that LDH may administer the pilot consistent with the Controlled Substance Act, as amended by Section 303 of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016.

Proposed law adds that the pilot project is subject to specific appropriation by the legislature.

(Adds R.S. 40:1086.12)