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**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2021 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to Original Senate Bill No. 133 by Senator Barrow

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1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "R.S. 40:1263" insert "and 1264"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, line 4, after "disparities;" insert "to establish and provide for the division of  
5 women's health; to provide for the purposes, duties, and functions of the division of women's  
6 health; to provide for an effective date;"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 3

8 On page 1, line 7, after "R.S. 40:1263" delete "is" and insert "and 1264 are"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 4

10 On page 1, line 11, delete "in" and insert "for women and"

11 AMENDMENT NO. 5

12 On page 1, delete lines 12 through 14, and insert the following:

13 **"the improvement of the health of Louisiana's citizens. Specific to the**  
14 **improvement in the health of women in Louisiana, the Louisiana**  
15 **Department of Health shall be responsible for leading, consolidating,**  
16 **and coordinating efforts across the state geared toward improving**  
17 **women's health outcomes through policy, education, evidence-based**  
18 **practices, programs, and services.**

19 **B. As part of carrying out the duties provided for in Subsection**  
20 **A of this Section, the Louisiana Department of Health shall engage in all**  
21 **of the following activities:**

22 **(1) Complete a thorough assessment of all activities engaged in**  
23 **or services provided by the state that may specifically impact the health**  
24 **or quality of life of women, including but not limited to those of the**  
25 **governor's office, Louisiana Department of Health, Department of**  
26 **Children and Family Services, Department of Education, and the**  
27 **various higher education institutions. The department shall submit this**  
28 **assessment to the House Committee on Health and Welfare and Senate**  
29 **Committee on Health and Welfare no later than December 15, 2021.**

30 **(2) Make available to health care"**

31 AMENDMENT NO. 6

32 On page 2, line 1, change "(1)" to "(a)"

33 AMENDMENT NO. 7

34 On page 2, line 3, change "(2)" to "(b)"

35 AMENDMENT NO. 8

36 On page 2, line 5, change "(3)" to "(c)"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 9

2 On page 2, line 7, change "(4)" to "(d)"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 10

4 On page 2, line 9, change "(5)" to "(e)"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 11

6 On page 2, after line 16, insert the following:

7 **"§1264. Division of Women's Health, duties and functions**

8 **A. The division of women's health shall be created within the**  
9 **Louisiana Department of Health, office of public health no later than**  
10 **July 1, 2022.**

11 **B.(1) During Fiscal Year 2021-2022 prior to the division's**  
12 **creation, the secretary of the department and assistant secretary of the**  
13 **office of public health shall utilize existing staff and resources within the**  
14 **department to do all of the following:**

15 **(a) Complete the assessment of women's services provided by the**  
16 **state as required in R.S. 40:1263(B)(1).**

17 **(b) Develop a detailed plan for the evolution of workload,**  
18 **anticipated staffing needs, and estimated costs of the division for Fiscal**  
19 **Years 2022-2023, 2023-2024, and 2024-2025 and submit the plan to the**  
20 **House Committee on Appropriations, House Committee on Health and**  
21 **Welfare, Senate Committee on Finance, and Senate Committee on**  
22 **Health and Welfare no later than January 15, 2022.**

23 **(c) Begin identifying potential non-state funding sources to aid**  
24 **in financing the activities of the division.**

25 **(2) The Louisiana Department of Health shall include within its**  
26 **budget request submission to the governor for Fiscal Year 2022-2023**  
27 **and each year thereafter a request to fund the division of women's**  
28 **health.**

29 **C.(1) In Fiscal Year 2022-2023, the division of women's health**  
30 **shall utilize the assessment of women's services provided by the state as**  
31 **required in R.S. 40:1263(B)(1) and the plan developed pursuant to**  
32 **Subsection B of this Section to begin its work on improving the health of**  
33 **women residing in Louisiana.**

34 **(2) The initial staff for the division shall include, at a minimum,**  
35 **a director to lead the division and a position to research, apply for, and**  
36 **oversee grant funding to support the work of the division.**

37 **D. Beginning in Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and thereafter, the**  
38 **division of women's health shall be responsible for all of the following**  
39 **activities:**

40 **(1) Educating and advocating for women's health by establishing,**  
41 **either on its own or in partnership with other entities, appropriate**  
42 **forums, programs, or initiatives designed to educate the public**  
43 **regarding women's health, with an emphasis on preventive health and**  
44 **healthy lifestyles.**

45 **(2) Identifying, coordinating, and establishing priorities for**  
46 **programs, services, and resources for women's health issues and**  
47 **concerns.**

48 **(3) Serving as a clearinghouse and resource regarding women's**  
49 **health data, strategies, services, and programs that address women's**  
50 **health issues.**

51 **(4) Collecting, classifying, and analyzing relevant research**  
52 **information and data conducted or compiled by the Louisiana**  
53 **Department of Health or other collaborative entities and provide**  
54 **persons with information regarding the research results, except as**  
55 **prohibited by law.**

1           **(5) Developing and recommending funding and program**  
2 **activities for educating the public on women's health initiatives relating**  
3 **to the social determinants of health including all of the following:**

4           **(a) Health needs throughout a woman's life.**

5           **(b) Chronic conditions that significantly affect women, such as**  
6 **heart disease, cancer, and osteoporosis.**

7           **(c) Access to health care for women.**

8           **(d) Poverty and women's health.**

9           **(e) The leading causes of morbidity and mortality for women.**

10          **(f) Health disparities of women.**

11          **(6) Making recommendations to the secretary of the Louisiana**  
12 **Department of Health regarding programs that address women's health**  
13 **issues for inclusion in the department's budget and strategic planning.**

14          **(7) Seeking funding from private or other governmental entities**  
15 **to carry out the purposes, duties, and functions of the division of**  
16 **women's health.**

17          **(8) Preparing materials for publication and dissemination to the**  
18 **public on women's health.**

19          **(9) Conducting public educational forums in Louisiana to raise**  
20 **public awareness and to educate citizens about women's health**  
21 **programs, issues, and services.**

22          **(10) Coordinating the activities and programs of the division of**  
23 **women's health with other entities that focus on women's health or**  
24 **women's issues.**

25          **(11) Provide an annual report to the governor, legislature, and**  
26 **secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health on the priorities and**  
27 **services needed for women's health in Louisiana and areas for**  
28 **improvement.**

29           Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the  
30 governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for  
31 bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article  
32 III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor  
33 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective  
34 on the day following such approval."