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<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), in addition to the other powers and duties conferred upon it by law, shall serve as a foundation and resource for addressing health care disparities for women and vulnerable populations and contribute to the improvement of the health of Louisiana's citizens.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that LDH shall be responsible for leading, consolidating, and coordinating efforts across the state geared toward improving women's health outcomes through policy, education, evidence-based practices, programs, and services.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that LDH shall complete a thorough assessment of all state activities or services that may specifically impact the health or quality of life of women, including but not limited to those of the governor's office, LDH, Dept. of Children and Family Services, Dept. of Education, and the various higher education institutions. <u>Proposed law</u> requires LDH to submit this assessment to the House and Senate committees on health and welfare no later than December 15, 2021.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that LDH shall make available to health care professionals the best practices and protocols for treating communities with underlying medical conditions and health disparities by doing certain enumerated tasks.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that LDH may analyze any other relevant data which will add to the work of the department, seek input from any interested parties including but not limited to licensed health care professionals, advocates, and concerned citizens, pursue any relevant topics including policies and laws that impact health disparities, and promote community outreach and extension activities.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides for the division on women's health within LDH's office of public health and establishes a time lime for the planning for and creation of the division. <u>Proposed law</u> provides for the staff, duties, and functions of the division.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 40:1263 and 1264)

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Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill

- 1. Adds the requirement for LDH to address health care disparities for women.
- 2. Establishes and provides a timeline for the division of women's health within LDH.
- 3. Provides for the staff, duties, and functions of the division.
- 4. Changes the effect date to upon signature of the governor.
- 5. Makes technical changes.