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DIGEST

SB 278 Engrossed

2024 Regular Session

Jackson-Andrews

Proposed law creates the Louisiana Pregnancy and Baby Care Initiative in the Department of Children and Family Services.

Proposed law provides for the structure and administration of the program implemented by the Louisiana Pregnancy and Baby Care Initiative. Proposed law provides for a general contractor to manage the program and subcontractors to provide services to eligible participants.

Proposed law provides for eligibility for the program services and provides that the subcontractors may provide services not allowed through the program as long as they do not bill the program for the services.

Proposed law provides for annual reporting.

Proposed law provides that the Louisiana Pregnancy and Baby Care Initiative will be implemented on August 1, 2024, and that it is replacing the Alternatives to Abortion Program administered by the department.

Proposed law provides that the Louisiana Pregnancy and Baby Care Initiative will be funded in a separate line-item of the General Appropriations Act or receive all funds appropriated for the Louisiana Alternatives to Abortions Program.

Proposed law requires the Department of Children and Family Services to maintain contracts with providers of the Louisiana Alternatives to Abortions Program in effect prior to August 1, 2024, during the transition from the department to the office of the governor.

Proposed law prohibits the Louisiana Pregnancy and Baby Care Initiative from using funds for any program or service related to abortion.

Proposed law requires the department to promulgate rules for implementation of the program and provides for certain criteria to be included in the rules.

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

(Adds R.S. 46:972.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Requires the Department of Children and Family Services to promulgate rules to implement the program and requires certain criteria to be included in the rules.
2. Makes a technical change.