

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 325

BY SENATOR EDMONDS

WOMEN. Provides for an informational document to be made available to pregnant mothers following the diagnosis of a fetal abnormality with respect to their unborn child. (8/1/24)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:1061.31, relative to a diagnosis of a fetal abnormality; to provide that
3 certain disclosure documents be made available to women who are pregnant mothers
4 who have received a diagnosis of a fetal abnormality; to provide for information on
5 fetal abnormalities; to provide for written statements; and to provide for related
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 40:1061.31 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 **§1061.31. Compatible with Love Empowerment Act**

10 **A. No more than seventy-two hours after a pregnant woman is informed**
11 **that her unborn child has a fetal abnormality diagnosis, the healthcare provider**
12 **who gave the diagnosis shall provide to the woman an informational document**
13 **that includes resources, programs, and services for pregnant women and**
14 **resources, programs, and services for infants and children born with**
15 **disabilities.**

16 **B. The Louisiana Department of Health shall develop an informational**
17 **document to comply with the mandate established in this Section to include**

1 **resources, programs, and services for a pregnant woman whose unborn child**
 2 **has been diagnosed with a fetal abnormality and resources, programs, and**
 3 **services for infants and children born with disabilities and shall make such**
 4 **information available to any requesting provider of women's health care**
 5 **services and shall maintain the information on a link on the department's**
 6 **website. The information shall include the availability of perinatal hospice and**
 7 **palliative care and pediatric hospice and palliative care services located in**
 8 **Louisiana, non-profit organizations that provide support to women who carry**
 9 **a child to term in these situations, and mental health services in Louisiana to**
 10 **support the mother and father of the child. The informational document**
 11 **provided for in this Section may be merged with the informational document**
 12 **mandated by R.S. 40:1061.1.4.**

13 Section 2. This Act shall be known and may be cited as "The Compatible with Love
 14 Empowerment Act".

The original instrument was prepared by Carla S. Roberts. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Amanda Trapp.

	DIGEST	
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Proposed law provides for the "Compatible with Love Empowerment Act".

Proposed law provides that, no more than 72 hours after a pregnant woman is informed that her unborn child has a fetal abnormality diagnosis, the healthcare provider that gave the diagnosis shall provide to the woman an informational document that includes resources, programs, and services for pregnant women and resources, programs, and services for infants and children born with disabilities.

Proposed law requires the Louisiana Dept. of Health to develop and make available the informational document established in proposed law and allows the department to merge the document with present law informational documents on genetic abnormalities.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Adds R.S. 40:1061.31)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Change the time frame and the party responsible for providing the

informational document.

2. Add information required to be included on the informational document.
3. Change terminology.