

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

HB 467

2025 Regular Session

Hilferty

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 467 by Representative Hilferty, recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

1. That the set of Senate Floor Amendments by Senator Boudreaux (#3148) be rejected.
2. That the set of Senate Floor Amendments by Senator Boudreaux (#3149) be rejected.
3. That the following amendments to the Reengrossed bill be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 3, between lines 17 and 18, insert the following:

"Section 3. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Darcy Evelyn Bivins Act"."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, line 18, change "Section 3." to "Section 4."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, line 24, delete "Section 4.(A) The provisions of Sections 1 through 3" and insert in lieu thereof "Section 5.(A) The provisions of Sections 1 through 4"

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Stephanie Hilferty

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Senator Regina Ashford Barrow

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Representative Michael "Gabe" Firmont

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Senator Gerald Boudreaux

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Representative Paula P. Davis

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Senator Kirk Talbot

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**DIGEST**

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**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST****HB 467****2025 Regular Session****Hilferty****Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House**

INSURANCE/HEALTH: Requires health insurance coverage for amino acid-based elemental formulas

**Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:**

1. Required ongoing health insurance coverage for immediate family of public safety personnel who lost their lives in the line of duty.
2. Required the office of risk management to cover substantial medical and dental expenses for public safety personnel injured while performing their duties.

**Report amends the bill to:**

1. Name proposed law the "Darcy Evelyn Bivins Act."
2. Make technical changes.

**Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee**

Proposed law requires a health insurance issuer offering health coverage plans (plans) that provides benefits for maternity services to cover amino acid-based elemental formulas, regardless of formula delivery method, if a treating physician issues a written order stating that the formula is medically necessary to treat a child aged two or younger for certain mediated allergies of the gastrointestinal tract. Requires the child to have a diagnosis from a board-certified allergist or gastroenterologist.

Proposed law requires coverage through Medicaid plans and provider organizations. Authorizes plans and Medicaid provider organizations to apply annual deductibles, coinsurance, copayments, or other established cost-sharing mechanisms.

Proposed law requires coverage on a basis no less favorable than the basis on which prescription drugs and other medications and related services are covered, and to the same extent that coverage is provided for drugs that are available only on the orders of a physician.

Proposed law authorizes a utilization review agent acting on behalf of a plan issuer or Medicaid provider organization to review a treating physician's determination of the medical necessity of the use of an amino acid-based elemental formula for the treatment of a covered infant or child who is diagnosed pursuant to proposed law.

Proposed law applies to any new policy, contract, or plan issued on and after Jan. 1st immediately following the effective date of proposed law. Requires any policy, contract, or plan in effect prior to Jan. 1st to conform with proposed law on or before the renewal date, but no later than 359 days after Jan. 1st of the year the proposed law takes effect.

Proposed law may be cited as the "Darcy Evelyn Bivins Act."

Effective upon appropriation of funds by the legislature.

(Adds R.S. 22:1059.6 and R.S. 40:1081.13)