

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

SB 29

2026 Regular Session

McMath

May 26, 2026

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning Senate Bill No. 29 by Senator McMath, recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

- 1. That the House Floor Amendments proposed by Representative Egan and adopted by the House of Representatives on May 7, 2025, be rejected.
- 2. That the following amendments be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 10, change "**fifteen**" to "**nine**"

Respectfully submitted,

Senators:

Representatives:

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Senator Patrick McMath

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Representative Peter Egan

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Senator W. Jay Luneau

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Representative Dustin Miller

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Senator Robert "Bob" Owen

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Representative Stephanie Berault

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The legislative instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST**

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**Keyword and summary of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee**

PUBLIC HEALTH. Requires coroners to report certain information regarding sudden child deaths. (8/1/26)

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

1. Added a requirement for the child's full medical record to be included in the autopsy report.

**Report amends the bill to:**

1. Change the applicable ages from under the age of 15 to under the age of 9.

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

Present law requires the coroner to perform or cause to be performed an autopsy in all cases of infants under the age of one year who die unexpectedly without explanation.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law requires the autopsy report for any child under the age of nine who dies unexpectedly without explanation to include documentation of any immunizations administered to the child within 90 days of the child's death.

Proposed law authorizes the coroner or any individual contracted to perform an autopsy on behalf of the coroner to access immunization records through the immunization registry.

Present law requires the coroner to notify the director of the parish health unit if he finds that the cause of death was Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

Proposed law requires the coroner to report to the La. Dept. of Health if he finds that the cause of a child's death was Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, Sudden Unexpected Infant Death, Sudden Arrhythmic Death Syndrome, or Sudden Death in the Young.

Proposed law requires the La. Dept. of Health to report the case to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Institutes of Health's Sudden Unexpected Infant Death and Sudden Death in the Young Case Registry.

Proposed law provides that the inclusion of an immunization record in any report does not imply cause of death.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 40:31.14(A); adds R.S. 13:5713(L))