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Fiscal Note



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

Proposed law requires that any autopsy report, as provided in R.S. 44:19, for a child under the age of nine who dies unexpectedly without explanation shall include documentation of any immunizations administered to the child within 90 days before the child's death. The coroner or any individual contracted to perform an autopsy on behalf of the coroner, including but not limited to forensic pathologist or his designee, shall be granted access to the child's immunization records in the state immunization registry. Proposed law requires that if a coroner finds that the cause of death was Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, Sudden Unexpected Infant Death, Sudden Arrhythmic Death Syndrome, or Sudden Death in the Young, he shall report the case to the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH). LDH is required 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. The inclusion of an immunization record in any report shall not imply cause of death. Proposed law modifies present law regarding authorization of release of immunization records by adding coroners or any individual contracted to perform an autopsy on behalf of a coroner to the list of individuals who have access to immunization records without the written consent of a client. Effective August 1, 2026.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Proposed law is not expected to generate additional costs for parish coroner's offices or the LDH associated with the reporting requirements contained in the measure. While proposed law does create additional requirements to the work product of certain autopsies, the Louisiana Coroner's Association reports that its members will be able to absorb these duties within existing budgetary and staff resources.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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