

---

## DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, 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)]

---

HB 639 Original

2016 Regular Session

Richard

**Abstract:** Requires a caretaker to submit to a blood test when an infant dies while in the person's physical custody.

Proposed law requires, in any case of the death of an infant while in the custody of a caretaker, the person, regardless of age, who accepted the responsibility to act as a caretaker for the infant to submit to a blood test, upon request of a state or local law enforcement agency or the coroner of the parish in which the infant's body is located, for the purpose of determining the alcoholic content or presence of any abused or illegal controlled dangerous substances therein.

Proposed law authorizes the following persons to withdraw blood for the required blood test: a physician, physician assistant, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, emergency medical technician, chemist, nurse practitioner, or other qualified technician.

(Adds R.S. 14:403.8.1)