



## 2011 LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

Following is a summary of the status of LCADV's legislative priorities for the 2011 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

If you have any questions or would like additional information about the bills listed below please contact Kami E. Geoffray, Public Policy Coordinator, at [kami.geoffray@lcadv.org](mailto:kami.geoffray@lcadv.org) or visit the Louisiana State Legislature webpage at <http://legis.state.la.us>.

### Legislation Supported by LCADV That PASSED

#### Orders of Protection

##### **HB 255/Act 234**

**Sponsor:** Roy A. Burrell, District 2

This bill amends the Domestic Abuse Assistance Act to add a specific authorization for domestic abuse advocates to provide petitioners seeking a civil protective order under the Domestic Abuse Assistance Act with the required forms and with clerical assistance in completing the forms when necessary.

#### Criminal Legal Response

##### **HB 401/Act 284**

**Sponsor:** Nita Hutter, District 104

This bill increases the mandatory minimum term of imprisonment following conviction for a 1st or 2nd offense of domestic abuse battery and a 1st or 2nd offense of domestic abuse battery upon a pregnant victim.

## **Child in Need of Care (CINC) Proceedings**

**HB 465/Act 189**

**Sponsor:** Barbara M. Norton, District 3

This bill requires the local child protection unit of the Department of Child and Family Services to immediately assess any existing custody and visitation orders involving the child and the alleged perpetrator in those cases of reported child abuse and neglect classified as high or immediate risk. If a finding is made that the current custody or visitation order poses a risk to the child's health or safety, the department is required to petition the court for an Order of Protection pursuant to the Domestic Abuse Assistance Act; however, this request will not confer exclusive jurisdiction upon the juvenile court.

## **Domestic Violence Research**

**HCR 86**

**Sponsor:** Nita Hutter, District 104

This resolution urges and requests the Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence to appoint and convene a task force for the purpose of evaluating the status of batterer intervention programming in Louisiana, as well as the programs and practices currently utilized in other states. The task force will report findings and recommendations relative to the development of minimum standards for batterer intervention programming to the Louisiana Legislature prior to the 2012 General Session.

## **Legislation Supported by LCADV That FAILED**

### **Criminal Legal Response**

**HB 126**

**Sponsor:** Michael E. Danahay, District 33

This bill would have amended the domestic abuse battery statute to expand the definition of "family member."

### **Labor Law**

**HB 320**

**Sponsor:** Barbara M. Norton, District 3

This bill would have created the Equal Pay for Women Act.