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## DIGEST

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HB 345 Engrossed

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Stokes

**Abstract:** Requires coverage for the testing of the BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes to detect an increased risk for breast and ovarian cancer when recommended by a healthcare provider.

Proposed law requires any health benefit plan delivered or issued for delivery in this state to include coverage for the cost of testing of the BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes to detect an increased risk for breast and ovarian cancer when recommended by a healthcare provider in accordance with the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommendations for testing.

The coverage required by proposed law may be subject to annual deductibles, coinsurance, and copayment provisions as are consistent with those established under the health coverage plan.

Proposed law defines "health coverage plan".

Proposed law applies to any new policy, contract, program, or health coverage plan issued on and after Jan. 1, 2020. Any policy, contract, or health coverage plan in effect prior to Jan. 1, 2020, shall convert to conform to the provisions of proposed law on or before the renewal date, but no later than Jan. 1, 2021.

Effective Jan. 1, 2020.

(Adds R.S. 22:1028.1)

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Insurance to the original bill:

1. Delay the deadline for existing insurance policies to conform to proposed law to Jan. 1, 2021.