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## DIGEST

Mount (SB 196)

Present law provides for the definition of a "child-placing agency" as any institution, society, agency, corporation, facility, person or persons, or any other group engaged in placing children in foster homes or with substitute parents for temporary care or for adoption, or engaged in assisting or facilitating the adoption of children, but shall not mean a person who may occasionally refer children for temporary care.

Proposed law retains present law and expands the definition to include any institution, society, agency, corporation, facility, person or persons, or any other group engaged in placing youth in transitional placing programs.

Present law provides that the office of community services within the DSS shall be licensed by the office of family support within the DSS and shall perform its child-placing functions in accordance with the established standards or certifications for licensed child-placing agencies.

Proposed law repeals present law and provides that child-placing agencies within the DSS shall be exempt from the provisions of present law. Proposed law further provides that DSS shall perform its child-placing functions in accordance with the standards promulgated by the department for licensed child-placing agencies.

Present law requires that all transitional youth residences shall be licensed before beginning operation.

Proposed law repeals present law and requires that any institution, society, agency, corporation, facility, person or persons, or any other group engaged in placing youth in transitional placing programs be licensed as a child-placing facility.

Present law provides for fees, inspections, complaint procedures, renewals of a license, and penalties for operation without a license for transitional youth residences.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Effective October 1, 2010.

(Amends R.S. 46:1403(A)(2) and 1404(B); adds R.S. 46:1403(A)(11); repeals R.S. 46:1451 - 1459)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill.

1. Changes the term "foster home" to "foster care."