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## DIGEST

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HB 223 Engrossed

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Miller

**Abstract:** Re-creates the Dept. of Children and Family Services for four more years.

Present law (Sunset) provides that the Dept. of Children and Family Services and all the statutory entities made a part of that department by law shall begin to terminate their operations on July 1, 2026, and that all legislative authority for such entities shall cease as of July 1, 2027, unless the legislature enacts a bill authorizing the re-creation of the department and its statutory entities prior thereto.

Proposed law provides for the general re-creation of the Dept. of Children and Family Services and its statutory entities, effective June 30, 2026, in accordance with the sunset law.

Proposed law sets out the procedure for review and re-creation, which require a separate bill to re-create each statutory entity within the department along with additional provisions.

Proposed law makes July 1, 2031, the new termination date and provides that termination would begin July 1, 2030, unless the department is again re-created.

Effective June 30, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 49:191(3)(b); Repeals R.S. 49:191(1)(h))