DIGEST

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HB 373 Engrossed

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Johnson

Abstract: Authorizes the Dept. of Children and Family Services to seek judicial review of certain administrative decisions.

<u>Present law</u> (R.S. 49:950 et seq.—Administrative Procedure Act) provides procedures and requirements for adjudication proceedings by state agencies. <u>Present law</u> (R.S. 49:991 et seq.) provides generally that the division of administrative law handles adjudications. Provides procedures, requirements, and exceptions. <u>Present law</u> (R.S. 49:964 and 992) generally authorizes a person who is aggrieved by a final decision or order in an adjudication proceeding to seek judicial review. However, prohibits an agency from seeking judicial review pursuant to <u>present law</u>.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u>, but provides an exception to authorize the Dept. of Children and Family Services to seek judicial review in appeals brought pursuant to <u>present law</u> (Ch. C. Art. 616.1.1) involving reports alleging abuse or neglect.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 49:964(A)(2) and 992(B)(3))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on House and Governmental</u> <u>Affairs</u> to the <u>original</u> bill:

1. Add an exception to <u>present law</u> (R.S. 49:991 et seq.) to authorize the Dept. of Children and Family Services to seek judicial review in appeals of decisions by the division of administrative law brought pursuant to <u>present law</u> (Ch. C. Art. 616.1.1).