The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Christine Arbo Peck.

DIGEST

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Barrow

<u>Present law</u> provides for the confidentiality of client case records and waiver of that confidentiality only under certain circumstances and with certain approvals. <u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and provides that the department or a department contractor, with written consent of the foster child, may provide certain information for education, training, and to provide perspective or foster care experience.

<u>Present law</u> provides for an extended stay in foster care for children housed in a residential home. <u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and provides that a child can stay in foster care if he is housed at a residential home, transitional placing program, or in foster care until his 21st birthday while participating in an extended foster care program.

<u>Proposed law</u> establishes an extended foster care program for children who are at least 18 years old, but less than 21 years old. <u>Proposed law</u> provides for definitions, program eligibility, a voluntary placement agreement, a written court report, court jurisdiction, internal administrative reviews, program participation termination, and extension of an adoption or guardianship subsidy. <u>Proposed law</u> provides for rulemaking.

<u>Present law</u> provides for extension of foster care for certain high school students. <u>Proposed law</u> repeals <u>present law</u> and incorporates education as a determination of eligibility for the program established by <u>proposed law</u>.

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

(Amends R.S. 46:56(F)(7)(c) and 1403.1; adds R.S. 46:288.1 through 288.10; repeals R.S. 46:286.24)