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Proposed law provides for the Council on the State Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect (SCR council) as a subcommittee of the Children's Cabinet Advisory Board to study and make recommendations to the Children's Cabinet and legislature on state central registry reform.

Proposed law provides that the SCR council shall consider all state and national best practices regarding administration of a state central registry in conducting its analysis and recommendations for reform. Further provides that the SCR council shall monitor implementation of any reforms enacted by the legislature or adopted by the Dept. of Children and Family Services by rulemaking to ensure continued prioritization of child safety while also providing for due process and equal protection for those ultimately found to be innocent of child abuse or neglect allegations.

Proposed law provides for the members of the SCR council who shall serve four-year terms and shall not receive any compensation or reimbursement of expenses. Further provides for the filling of a vacancy and the election of officers.

Proposed law provides for the SCR council to meet as necessary to successfully fulfill its mission with meetings to be held on the call of the chair. Further provides that a majority of the SCR council shall constitute a quorum and that official actions of the SCR council shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum.

Proposed law provides for the SCR council to issue a report of its findings at a frequency determined by the Children's Cabinet and at least annually by the first day of January to the legislature.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Adds R.S. 46:2605.7)