

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 145

2024 Regular Session

Barrow

KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

CHILDREN. Provides relative to the state child ombudsman. (8/1/24)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Removes provision requiring LA FIRST documents to be provided to the state child ombudsman upon request.
2. Grants certain authority to the state child ombudsman to the extent allowed by federal law.
3. Makes technical corrections.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

DIGEST

SB 145 Engrossed

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Present law creates a state child ombudsman appointed by the legislative auditor and provides for the powers and duties of the ombudsman.

Proposed law defines terms used included in the ombudsman's duties and grants, to the extent allowed by federal law, authority to the ombudsman authority view and use certain documents and records to perform those duties.

Proposed law prohibits the ombudsman from being compelled to be a witness or be deposed in any case where the ombudsman is not personally a defendant.

Present law provides for confidentiality of certain documents maintained by the Department of Education, public elementary and secondary schools and local public school systems, the Department of Children and Family Services, juvenile courts, and the office of juvenile justice.

Proposed law requires that those documents be provided to the ombudsman upon request.

Present law exempts certain documents in the custody or control of the legislative auditor and the internal auditor of a municipality from public records disclosure.

Proposed law adds an exemption for documents in the custody or control of the ombudsman.

Present law provides for Department of Children and Family Services procedures relative to reported alleged abuse or neglect.

Proposed law adds procedures for cases of inconclusive determination.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 24:525(C)(2), (5)-(8), and (11), R.S. 44:4(6), and Ch.C. Arts. 412(O), 616.1.1(B), and 616.1.1(C)(intro para); adds R.S. 17:407.29(J) and 3914(O), R.S. 24:525(F) and (G), R.S. 46:56(N), and Ch.C. Art. 616.1.1(D))