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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 162

BY SENATOR BARROW

CHILDREN. Requests the Division of Administration's Office of Technology Services to convene a working group that includes every state agency with responsibility for child safety, welfare, and protection.

A RESOLUTION

To request the Division of Administration's Office of Technology Services to convene a working group that includes every state agency with responsibility for child safety, welfare, and protection and to report quarterly to the legislature on the activities, findings, and results of the working group.

WHEREAS, it is critical that the agencies with responsibility for child safety, welfare, and protection utilize technology that is capable of tracking reports of instances and occurrences that document child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Technology Services (OTS) was established in 2014, when independent state agency IT divisions were consolidated into a centralized and streamlined IT service entity across all state agencies; and

WHEREAS, the mission of OTS is to increase the return on the state's investment in technology by promoting smart decision-making; solving problems intelligently; increasing the rate of project success; and fostering a skilled and professional workforce; and

WHEREAS, OTS' operations budget is appropriated solely as interagency transfer from state agencies or self-generated funds; and

WHEREAS, prior to 2014, the Department of Children and Family Services, Department of Education, office of juvenile justice, and the Louisiana Department of Health

1 all had separate IT divisions which could not share information cross-agency; and

2 WHEREAS, more than ten years after the creation of OTS, it has become apparent
3 that the state agencies responsible for child safety, welfare, and protection are not
4 maximizing the opportunity OTS presents to establish and coordinate information
5 technology systems and information technology services; and

6 WHEREAS, OTS exists to assist state agencies with their technological needs, but
7 they are only able to be truly effective if they have the requests and information needed to
8 establish and improve cross-agency data sharing; and

9 WHEREAS, better communication and discussion of agency needs and
10 responsibilities with OTS could mean the difference between life and death for the children
11 of this state.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
13 does hereby request the Division of Administration's Office of Technology Services to
14 convene a working group that includes every state agency with responsibility for child
15 safety, welfare, and protection and to report quarterly to the legislature on the activities,
16 findings, and results of the working group.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
18 chief information officer of the Division of Administration's Office Technology Services.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services.
The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof
or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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