
DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits a contractor or subcontractor from conditioning services offered by the Louisiana Pregnancy and Baby Care Initiative on the attendance or completion of classes or videos including religious instruction.

Present law establishes the Louisiana Pregnancy and Baby Care Initiative in the Dept. of Children and Family Services (DCFS) which operates a statewide social service program to enhance and increase resources that promote childbirth instead of abortion.

Present law provides that DCFS shall implement a program that provides counseling, information, practical items, and classes to pregnant women and their families.

Proposed law prohibits a general contractor or subcontractor from qualifying for a state grant under the Louisiana Pregnancy and Baby Care Initiative if he conditions receipt of services or products on attendance at classes or viewing materials that include religious instruction or require attendance at religious services.

Proposed law requires DCFS to investigate any contractor or subcontractor alleged to have violated this prohibition.

Proposed law requires DCFS, upon receipt of a complaint, to accept and retain written evidence of the complaint, provide written confirmation of receipt and status updates to the complainant, and notify the contractor or subcontractor of the complaint.

Proposed law authorizes DCFS to determine, after investigation, that a violation constitutes grounds for ineligibility, suspension, termination, or nonrenewal of a contract, grant, or cooperative endeavor agreement.

Proposed law requires DCFS to provide written notice to all interested parties of any action taken within 90 days of the action.

Proposed law prohibits a contractor or subcontractor found noncompliant from applying for any state funding for 90 days following the last instance of noncompliance.

Proposed law requires that any enforcement action be taken in accordance with applicable state contracting laws, rules, and procedures.

(Adds R.S. 46:972.1(E)(4)-(6))