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Proposed law provides that in any proceeding in which a medical expert has been subpoenaed to testify based upon allegations of abuse or neglect of a child, the court shall take the testimony of the medical expert priority to the parties and other witnesses, absent extenuating circumstances that would prohibit this procedure. The court shall take the testimony of the medical expert for all purposes by which the medical expert's appearance is responsive to a subpoena.

Proposed law provides that the provisions of proposed law shall apply to child custody proceedings pursuant to present law, Title V of the C.C. and child in need of care proceedings pursuant to present law, Title VI of the Ch.C.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 9:360-360.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary A to the original bill

1. Clarifies that the court shall take the testimony experts in priority to parties and witnesses absent extenuating circumstances.
2. Deletes provision regarding a motion for continuance.