

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 223

2026 Regular Session

Miller

SUNSET LAW: Re-creates the Department of Children and Family Services.

DIGEST

Present law (Sunset) provides that the Dept. of Children and Family Services and all the statutory entities made a part of that department by law shall begin to terminate their operations on July 1, 2026, and that all legislative authority for such entities shall cease as of July 1, 2027, unless the legislature enacts a bill authorizing the re-creation of the department and its statutory entities prior thereto.

Proposed law provides for the general re-creation of the Dept. of Children and Family Services and its statutory entities, effective June 30, 2026, in accordance with the sunset law.

Proposed law sets out the procedure for review and re-creation, which require a separate bill to re-create each statutory entity within the department along with additional provisions.

Proposed law makes July 1, 2028, the new termination date and provides that termination would begin July 1, 2027, unless the department is again re-created.

Present law establishes procedures for mandatory reporters to make reports of suspected child abuse or neglect to the Dept. of Children and Family Services.

Proposed law allows law enforcement agencies to submit reports of suspected child abuse or neglect to the Dept. of Children and Family Services through a secure web based platform that meets requirements provided for in proposed law.

Effective June 30, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 49:191(4) and Ch.C. Art. 610(A)(4)(a); Adds Ch.C. Art. 603(33) and 610(A)(4)(d); Repeals R.S. 49:191(1)(h))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the engrossed bill

1. Changes the termination dates.
2. Allows law enforcement agencies to submit reports of suspected child abuse or neglect to the Dept. of Children and Family Services through a secure web based platform.