

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 369

2015 Regular Session

Barrow

(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

DOMESTIC ABUSE. Provides due process measures for members of the state domestic violence coalition.

DIGEST

Proposed law prohibits the state domestic violence coalition of La. (coalition) from taking any action against a member of the coalition or domestic violence services provider that would adversely affect the member or provider's ability to furnish shelter or supportive services to the victims of domestic abuse and their families unless the coalition provided proper written notice of the proposed disciplinary action and the right to an appeal hearing no less than 30 days prior to the disciplinary action being imposed. Further requires the coalition to give the member or provider written notice of a scheduled appeal hearing, if requested, and the opportunity to present arguments or evidence in support of the member or provider's position prior to taking disciplinary action.

Proposed law requires the coalition, no later than 48 hours after any disciplinary action is taken against any member of the coalition or domestic violence services provider, to give written notice of the disciplinary action to the Dept. of Children and Family Services, the House and Senate committees on health and welfare, and the representative and senator for any district for which the member or provider renders services.

Proposed law requires that the written notification and any other disclosure not contain any privileged communications or records and that communications to the parties listed in proposed law be in strict compliance with the provisions of present law regarding the Protection from Family Violence Act.

Proposed law defines "shelter", "state domestic violence coalition", and "supportive services" as those terms are defined in federal Family Violence Prevention and Services law.

(Adds R.S. 46:2148)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Remove the provision of proposed law increasing the membership of the board of directors of the coalition.
2. Make technical changes.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to the reengrossed bill

1. Adds provision requiring that the written notification to DCFS, committees and legislators not contain privileged communications and records.