The original instrument was prepared by Brandi Cannon. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Leonore Heavey.

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<u>Present law</u> provides for reports of child abuse or neglect where the abuser is believed to be a parent or caretaker, a person who maintains an interpersonal dating or engagement relationship with the parent or caretaker, or a person living in the same residence with the parent or caretaker as a spouse whether married or not to be made to the Dept. of Children and Family Services (DCFS). Further provides that all other reports are to be made to a local or state law enforcement agency.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and provides that if a report involves alleged sex trafficking, the provisions of <u>proposed law</u> also apply and all mandatory reporters shall report to DCFS regardless of whether there is alleged parental or caretaker culpability.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that DCFS shall communicate as soon as possible all reports involving alleged child victims of sex trafficking to the La. State Police for referral to local law enforcement.

<u>Present law</u> provides for the duties and responsibilities of DCFS to administer the public assistance laws of the state.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> duties of DCFS and adds the responsibility to make care coordination and advocacy services available for victims of child sex trafficking.

<u>Proposed law</u> describes the services that may be provided as care coordination and advocacy services.

Effective January 1, 2023.

SB 63 Reengrossed

(Amends Ch.C. Art 610(A)(1); adds Ch.C. Art. 610(E)(4) and R.S. 46:51(16))

## Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

- 1. Requires mandatory reporters to report all alleged child victims of sex trafficking.
- 2. Requires DCFS to report to the LSP.
- 3. Allows DCFS to delegate its duties under proposed law.

- 4. Provides for optional services for parents who have no culpability.
- 5. Changes the effective date.
- 6. Makes technical changes.

## Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the engrossed bill

- 1. Removes required actions by DCFS when a child has been identified as a victim of sex trafficking.
- 2. Removes provisions authorizing DCFS to delegate the performance of required actions relative to child victims of sex trafficking.
- 3. Removes DCFS rulemaking requirement.
- 4. Adds making care coordination and advocacy services available for victims of child sex trafficking to duties of DCFS and describes these services.