
DIGEST

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HB 137 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Provides for changes to the organization, reporting requirements, membership, and authority of the Children's Cabinet Advisory Board (board). Provides for changes of the membership of the Children's Cabinet (cabinet).

Present law directs the board to make recommendations to the cabinet as to budget priorities for the coming year by Aug. 31 annually.

Present law directs the board to make recommendations to the cabinet as to specific budget items to be supported in the Children's Budget by Nov. 30 annually.

Proposed law combines the board's recommendations to the cabinet as to budget priorities and specific budget items into one recommendation required to be submitted annually by Sept. 30.

Proposed law adds the state child ombudsman as a nonvoting ex officio member of the board.

Proposed law repeals board membership for a representative of the La. Assoc. of Nonprofit Organizations.

Proposed law permits the board to establish subcommittees including an Ezekiel's Law subcommittee.

Proposed law adds a representative of the La. Occupational Therapy Association.

Proposed law grants the following board members the option to appoint a designee:

- (1) The director of the State Head Start Collaboration Project.
- (2) The assistant secretary of child welfare of the Dept. of Children and Family Services.
- (3) The assistant secretary of the office of citizens with developmental disabilities of the La. Dept. of Health (LDH).
- (4) The assistant secretary of the office of public health of LDH.
- (5) The assistant secretary of the office of behavioral health of LDH.

- (6) The assistant secretary of the bureau of health services financing of LDH.
- (7) The assistant secretary of the office of juvenile justice of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections.

Proposed law grants the following cabinet members the option to appoint a designee:

- (1) The secretary of the Dept. of Children and Family Services.
- (2) The secretary of the La. Dept. of Health.
- (3) The deputy secretary for youth services of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections.
- (4) The secretary of the La. Workforce Commission.
- (5) The state superintendent of education.
- (6) The commissioner of administration.
- (7) The executive director of the cabinet.
- (8) A member of the House appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (9) A member of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate.
- (10) A representative of the Children's Cabinet Advisory Board as selected by its members.
- (11) A member of the La. Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges appointed by the chief justice of the La. Sup. Ct.
- (12) A member of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education appointed by its president.

(Amends R.S. 46:2602(B) and 2605(A) and (B)(7), (11), (13)-(16), (19), and (29); Adds R.S. 46:2605(B)(42) and (G))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Add that the state ombudsman is a nonvoting ex officio member of the Children's Cabinet Advisory Board.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Add that the members of the Children's Cabinet may designate an individual to be a member of the cabinet in their stead.
2. Add a representative of the La. Occupational Therapy Association to the Children's Cabinet Advisory Board.