
SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2024 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary A to Original Senate Bill No. 496
by Senator Edmonds

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, at the beginning of line 2, after "To amend and reenact" delete the remainder of
3 the line and insert "R.S. 46:1425 and to enact R.S. 46:1425.1 and R.S. 51:1402(10)(c),
4 relative to children; to provide relative to adoption facilitators; to provide for terms and
5 conditions; to provide for definitions; and"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 2

7 On page 1, delete lines 3 through 5 in their entirety

8 AMENDMENT NO. 3

9 On page 1, line 8, delete "R.S. 46:1425(E) is" and insert "46:1425.1 is"

10 AMENDMENT NO. 4

11 On page 1, line 11, delete "license required"

12 AMENDMENT NO. 5

13 On page 1, delete lines 12 through 16 in their entirety and insert the following:

14 **"A. It shall be prohibited for an adoption facilitator, as is defined in R.S.**
15 **46:1425.1, to advertise for adoption services."**

16 AMENDMENT NO. 6

17 On page 2, after line 15 insert in following:

18 **"§1425.1. Adoption facilitators; prohibited conduct**

19 **A. An adoption facilitator shall not engage in any of the following activities:**

20 **(1) Advertising for the purpose of soliciting parties to an adoption, locating**
21 **children for an adoption, or acting as an intermediary between the parties to an**
22 **adoption.**

23 **(2) Charging a fee or other valuable consideration for service rendered relating**
24 **to an adoption, whether directly or indirectly, for locating children for adoption, or**
25 **acting as an intermediary between the parties to an adoption.**

26 **B. As used in this Section, "adoption facilitator" means an individual or**
27 **jurisdictional person that acts as intermediary or facilitator between adoptive parents**
28 **and birth mothers. An "adoption facilitator" shall not include any of the following:**

29 **(1) A licensed adoption agency.**

30 **(2) An attorney licensed to practice law in Louisiana.**

31 **(3) Any individual licensed to provide mental health counseling as provided in**
32 **Children's Code Article 1120, and preplacement and home studies as provided in**
33 **Children's Code Article 1173.**

34 **(4) An individual who does not receive a fee or other valuable consideration for**
35 **services rendered relating to an adoption, whether directly or indirectly, for locating**
36 **children for adoption, or acting as an intermediary between the parties to an adoption.**

37 **C. A violation of this Section shall be an unfair trade practice as provided in**
38 **R.S. 51:1401, et seq."**

39 "Section 2. R.S. 51:1402(10)(c) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

1 §1402. Definitions

2 As used in this Chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings
3 hereinafter ascribed to them:

4 * * *
5 (10)(a) * * *
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7 **(c) "Trade" or "commerce" shall include the advertising or collecting fees as**
8 **an adoption facilitator in violation of R.S. 46:1425.1."**