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Schroder HB No. 178

Abstract: Provides relative to transfer of funds by the Dept. of Children and Family Services (DCFS) for representation of children and indigent parents in child protection proceedings.

Proposed law repeals authorization in present law for DCFS to transfer funds appropriated pursuant to present law to the Child Advocacy Program for representation of children in child protection proceedings.

Proposed law repeals authorization in present law for DCFS to transfer funds appropriated pursuant to present law to the Louisiana Indigent Defense Assistance Board, or its successor, for representation of indigent parents in child protection proceedings.

Proposed law authorizes DCFS to transfer funds appropriated pursuant to present law to unspecified entities for representation of children and indigent parents in child protection proceedings.

Proposed law repeals requirement in present law that priority in funding be given to maintain salaried or contract attorney arrangements which have begun.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 46:460.21(A)(2))