Schroder (HB 178) **Act No. 77**

New law repeals authorization in prior law for Dept. of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to transfer funds appropriated pursuant to existing law to the Child Advocacy Program for representation of children in child protection proceedings.

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

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

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

Effective upon signature of governor (June 20, 2011).

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