

Prior law established the Council on the Status of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren and provided that the council membership include:

- (1) Secretary of DCFS, or his designee.
- (2) Secretary of DHH, or his designee.
- (3) Superintendent of the DOE, or his designee.
- (4) Executive director of the La. Workforce Commission, or his designee.
- (5) Deputy secretary of the DPS&C, Youth Services, office of juvenile justice.
- (6) A senator appointed by the Senate president.
- (7) A member of the House of Representatives appointed by the House speaker.
- (8) Executive director of the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs, or his designee.
- (9) Executive director of the Children's Cabinet, or his designee.
- (10) Chairman of the Children's Cabinet Advisory Board, or his designee.
- (11) One member representing and appointed by Agenda for Children.
- (12) Director of the La. office of the Children's Defense Fund or his designee.
- (13) A member representing and appointed by Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana.
- (14) A member representing and appointed by the Louisiana Children's Trust Fund.
- (15) A member representing and appointed by the La. Maternal and Child Health Coalition.
- (16) No fewer than three and no more than five citizens who have demonstrated a commitment to the rearing of grandchildren by grandparents, to be nominated by the secretary of DCFS, and approved by the council.
- (17) A member representing and appointed by the National Association of Social Workers.
- (18) A member representing and appointed by the La. Court-Appointed Special Advocate Association.
- (19) A member representing and appointed by the La. Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges.
- (20) A member representing and appointed by the La. State Bar Association.

New law increases council membership to include one representative of the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Information Center of Louisiana. Otherwise retains prior law.

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

(Adds R.S. 46:2911(B)(21))