CHILDREN. Provides relative to protections for foster children. (gov sig)
incarceration, elopement, physical or mental disability, or specialized placement

where the child cannot be transported, or upon approval of the court, the

department shall obtain the special identification card or photograph no later

than ninety days from the date the condition preventing compliance ceases to

exist.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not

signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature

by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become

effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part

of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Brandi Cannon.

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Present law provides for the Protect and Save our Children Program for issuance of special
identification cards for persons under the age of 16 years old. Present law further provides
that the card will be issued without cost to a foster child.

Proposed law retains present law and requires that the Dept. of Children and Family Services
(DCFS) shall obtain one of the following no later than 90 days after a foster child is placed
in the custody of the state:

(1) For a child age 14 or older, a special identification card issued for the child.

(2) For a child under age 14 who does not qualify for a special identification card, a
photograph of the child.

Proposed law provides that if DCFS is unable to comply with proposed law due to the child's
incarceration, elopement, physical or mental disability, or specialized placement where the
child cannot be transported, or upon approval of the court, the department shall obtain the
special identification card or photograph no later than 90 days from the date the condition
preventing compliance ceases to exist.

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

(Adds R.S. 46:286.2)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to
the original bill

1. Requires DCFS to obtain the special identification card or photograph.
2. Limits the requirement for a special identification card to children age 14 or older.

3. Allows DCFS 90 days to comply with proposed law once a barrier to initial compliance no longer exists.