AN ACT

To enact R.S. 46:286.2, relative to protections for foster children; to provide for special identification cards for children in foster care; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 46:286.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§286.2. Children in foster care; identification card; photograph

A. Except as provided in Subsection B of this Section, for a child placed into foster care, as defined in Children's Code Article 603, the Department of Children and Family Services shall obtain one of the following no later than ninety days after the placement of the child in the custody of the state:

(1) For a child age fourteen or older, a special identification card issued for the child pursuant to R.S. 40:1321.

(2) For a child younger than age fourteen or a child who does not qualify for a special identification card, a photograph of the child.

B. If the Department of Children and Family Services is unable to comply with the provisions of Subsection A of this Section 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 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.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: ____________