

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 520

BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHNSON

CHILDRENS CODE: Provides relative to disclosure of information in the state central registry of reports of child abuse and neglect

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Children's Code Article 616(B) and to repeal Children's Code Article
3 616(B) as amended and reenacted by Act No. 348 of the 2017 Regular Session of the
4 Legislature, relative to child abuse cases; to provide relative to certain information
5 in the state central registry of reports of child abuse and neglect; to provide for
6 disclosure of certain information to the district attorney or court; and to provide for
7 related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. Children's Code Article 616(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read
10 as follows:

11 Art. 616. Central registry; screening court-appointed special advocates volunteers;
12 confidentiality

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14 B. Except as provided in this Article or R.S. 46:56, all records of reports of
15 child abuse or neglect are confidential. The department shall promulgate rules
16 regarding the maintenance, deletion, and release of information in the central
17 registry, determined by the types of disposition made pursuant to Article 615.
18 Within the state repository, the department shall maintain a state central registry of
19 certain justified reports of abuse and neglect as set forth in rules promulgated by the
20 department. The name of an individual who was placed on the state central registry
21 as a perpetrator of abuse or neglect prior to the effective date of Children's Code
22 Article 616.1.1 shall not be released outside of the department until that individual's

