

---

## DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

---

HB 520 Original

2018 Regular Session

Johnson

**Abstract:** Provides relative to the confidentiality of records of reports of child abuse and neglect.

Present law requires records of child abuse or neglect to be confidential, but permits the Dept. of Children and Family Services to promulgate rules regarding the release of such information.

Proposed law incorporates changes to present law proposed by Act No. 348 of the 2017 R.S. regarding the confidentiality of the identity of an alleged perpetrator of child abuse or neglect. Proposed law adds that the Dept. of Children and Family Services is required to provide otherwise confidential information to the court or district attorney's office when necessary for the court to protect a child from abuse or neglect.

(Amends Ch.C. Art. 616(B) and Repeals Ch.C. Art. 616(B) as amended and reenacted by Act No. 348 of the 2017 R.S.)