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Abstract: Revises provisions within the Children's Code Safe Haven Law.

<u>Present law</u> designates as an emergency care facility any hospital licensed in the state of Louisiana, any public health unit, any emergency medical service provider, any medical clinic, any fire station, any police station, any crisis pregnancy center, or any child advocacy center.

Proposed law designates as an emergency care facility the following:

(1) any hospital licensed in the state of Louisiana.

(2) any of the following medical clinics during normal and customary hours of operation: local or parish public health units, licensed rural health clinics, licensed ambulatory surgical centers, and Federally Qualified Health Centers, offices, clinics, or other types of treatment facilities, private physicians or dentist not listed above are not designated emergency care facilities within the meaning of this Subparagraph.

- (3) any manned fire station.
- (4) any manned law enforcement station.

(5) any Child Advocacy Center accredited by the National Children's Alliance, during normal and customary hours of operation.

<u>Proposed law</u> defines "emergency medical service provider" as a licensed emergency medical service provider, when dispatched as a result of a "911" call from a parent who wishes to relinquish his infant.

<u>Proposed law</u> adds <u>firemen</u> to list of 911 persons who may be dispatched in the event a parent wants to relinquish his rights but does not have transportation.

Present law list responsibilities of designated emergency care facilities.

<u>Proposed law</u> adds emergency medical service provider, fire station, or law enforcement station to the list containing designated emergency facilities responsible under <u>present law</u>, the Safe Haven Law.

(Amends Ch. C. Arts. 1150(2)-(4), 1151(A), and 1152(A), (B), (D), (E), (F)(intro. para.), and (G)-(I); Adds Ch. C. Art. 1150(5))