

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 171

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUGHES

CHILDREN/DCFS: Provides a limited authorization for DCFS to obtain copies of birth and death certificates of certain children and adults

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:41(N), relative to vital records; to provide for disclosure of records by the
3 state registrar of vital records; to authorize disclosure of certain records by the state
4 registrar to the Department of Children and Family Services; to provide requirements
5 and conditions relative to such disclosure; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 40:41(N) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §41. Disclosure of records

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10 N. The state registrar shall issue the following records to the Department of
11 Children and Family Services upon the written request of an office of the
12 department:

13 (1) A certified copy of a birth certificate of a child placed in the custody of
14 the Department of Children and Family Services.

15 (2) A certified copy of a death certificate of a child who was in the custody
16 of the Department of Children and Family Services at the time of his death.

17 (3) A certified copy of a death certificate of a parent of a child placed in the
18 custody of the Department of Children and Family Services.

19 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
20 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature

1 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
2 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
3 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to obtain copies of birth and death certificates of children placed in its custody and copies of death certificates of parents of such children.

Present law provides requirements and conditions relating to disclosure of records by the state registrar of vital records.

Proposed law retains present law and adds thereto a requirement that the state registrar issue the following records to DCFS upon the written request of an office of the department:

- (1) A certified copy of a birth certificate of a child placed in the custody of DCFS.
- (2) A certified copy of a death certificate of a child who was in the custody of DCFS at the time of his death.
- (3) A certified copy of a death certificate of a parent of a child placed in the custody of DCFS.

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

(Adds R.S. 40:41(N))