

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 522

BY REPRESENTATIVE SELDERS

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

CHILDREN/DCFS: Provides relative to processing of reports of child abuse and neglect by the Dept. of Children and Family Services

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Children's Code Article 612(A)(5) and (6), relative to child abuse; to provide for
3 child abuse or neglect reporting and investigation; to provide with respect to the
4 administrative procedure of completing a preliminary investigation or assessment;
5 to provide for services to families in instances when reports are denied; to provide
6 for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. Children's Code Article 612(A)(5) and (6) are hereby enacted to read as
9 follows:

10 Art. 612. Assignment of reports for investigation and assessment; conclusion of
11 investigation and assessment; provision of information

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14 (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subparagraphs (A)(2) and (3) of this
15 Article, if information is obtained from a professional or credible source that if
16 provided initially would have determined that the initial report did not meet the
17 criteria for acceptance, the department may administratively close a report of abuse
18 or neglect that was previously accepted without completing the preliminary
19 investigation or assessment.

