## SLS 22RS-159

## ORIGINAL

2022 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 40

BY SENATOR MCMATH

CHILDREN. Provides relative to protections for foster children. (gov sig)

1	AN ACT
2	To enact R.S. 46:286.2, relative to protections for foster children; to provide for special
3	identification cards for children in foster care; to provide for an effective date; and
4	to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 46:286.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:
7	§286.2. Children in foster care; identification card; photograph
8	A person providing foster care services for a child placed into foster care,
9	as defined in Children's Code Article 603, shall obtain one of the following no
10	later than ninety days after the placement of the child in the foster home:
11	(1) A special identification card issued for the child pursuant to R.S.
12	<u>40:1321.</u>
13	(2) If the child does not qualify for a special identification card, a
14	photograph of the child.
15	Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
16	signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
17	by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

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- 1 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
- 2 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Brandi Cannon.

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<u>Present law</u> provides for the Protect and Save our Children Program for issuance of special identification cards for persons under the age of 16 years old. <u>Present law</u> further provides that the card will be issued without cost to a foster child.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and requires that a person providing foster care services shall obtain one of the following no later than 90 days after the placement of the child in the foster home:

- (1) A special identification card issued for the child.
- (2) If the child does not qualify for a special identification card, a photograph of the child.

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

(Adds R.S. 46:286.2)