SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2022 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to Original Senate Bill No. 63 by Senator Mizell

1	AMENDMENT NO. 1
2	On page 1, line 3, after "Article" insert "610(E)(4) and"
3	AMENDMENT NO. 2
4 5	On page 2, line 13, after "apply" insert "and all mandatory reporters shall report to the department regardless of whether there is alleged parental or caretaker culpability"
6	AMENDMENT NO. 3
7	On page 2, between lines 14 and 15 insert the following:
8	"E. * * *
9 10 11 12	(4) The department shall communicate as soon as possible all reports involving alleged child victims of sex trafficking to the Louisiana State Police for referral to the appropriate local law enforcement agency for investigation or other action as appropriate.
13	* * *"
14	AMENDMENT NO. 4
15	On page 2, line 19, after "providers" insert ", when indicated,"
16	AMENDMENT NO. 5
17 18	On page 2, delete lines 24 through 29 and on page 3, delete lines 1 through 12 and insert the following:
19 20 21	"(1) Make referrals to the Louisiana Child and Youth Trafficking Collaborative or other appropriate entity for advocacy and care coordination.
22	(2) Provide services based upon an assessment of needs.
23 24	(3) Conduct face-to-face visits in the home with the child and family according to the child and family's needs.
25 26	(4) Educate the parents or other caretakers about possible high risk behaviors associated with sex trafficking victims.
27 28	(5) Work with the child's family to develop safety procedures based on the individual child's situation and needs.
29 30	(5) Educate the family on how to address and monitor the child's internet access, messaging, and telephone contacts.
31 32 33 34	C. If the department determines, during the assessment of a report of abuse or neglect, that the parent or caretaker of a child identified as a victim of sex trafficking has not abused or neglected the child, the parent or caretaker shall not be required to participate in
35	further assessments or services offered or recommended by the

1	department. If the parent or caretaker declines to participate, the
2	department shall be only required to complete the identification of the
3	child as a victim of sex trafficking and the assessment of the report of
4	abuse or neglect.
5	D. The department may delegate, in writing, the performance of
6	the requirements of this Article, but the department shall remain the
7	responsible agency. The department may adopt, promulgate, and
8	enforce, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, any rules
9	and regulations necessary and appropriate to implement the provisions
10	of this Article.
11	Section 2. The Department of Children and Family Services shall
12	take all actions necessary to implement the provisions of this Act, including
13	but not limited to amending, adopting, and repealing administrative rules,
14	prior to January 1, 2023.
15	Section 3. Section 1 of this Act shall become effective on January 1,
16	2023."