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Present law provides for the Children's Cabinet to coordinate and focus programs and funding for services to children and their families. Present law further provides for the Children's Cabinet Advisory Board to provide information and recommendations from the perspective of advocacy groups, service providers, and parents and provides for the membership of the board. Proposed law retains present law and adds as members the assistant secretary of the office on women's health and community health and the chairman of the Partners in Protecting Children Subcommittee.

Proposed law establishes the Partners in Protecting Children Subcommittee to provide a forum for public agencies whose duties include responding to and investigating matters involving child abuse or neglect. Proposed law provides that the subcommittee shall consider policies and procedures for responding to and investigating alleged child abuse with the goal of efficient coordination of services. Proposed law further provides for the membership, quorum, officers, and meetings of the subcommittee.

Proposed law provides for the subcommittee to make recommendations to the Children's Cabinet, through the executive director, as determined necessary by the subcommittee, and which may include a request for legislation, as appropriate.

Proposed law shall be known and may be cited as "Ezekiel's Law".

Effective August 1, 2023.

(Adds R.S. 46:2605(12) and (22) and 2607)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill

1. Remove the four proposed members to the advisory board.
2. Add the assistant secretary of the office on women's health and community health and the chairman of the Partners in Protecting Children Subcommittee as members to the advisory board.
3. Add a representative from the Louisiana Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges as a member of the subcommittee.
4. Make technical changes.