

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 64

2023 Regular Session

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KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

CHILDREN. Creates Ezekiel's Law and provides relative to protecting children from abuse. (8/1/23)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Relocates the Partners in Protecting Children Subcommittee from the Children's Cabinet to the Children's Cabinet Advisory Board.
2. Deletes language providing for subcommittee recommendations to be made to the Children's Cabinet through the executive director.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

DIGEST

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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, within the Children's Cabinet Advisory Board, 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.

Present law provides for the advisory board to make recommendations to the Children's Cabinet through the executive director. Proposed law retains present law and provides that the subcommittee 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)

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