

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 137****2024 Regular Session****Brass**

CHILDREN: Provides relative to the Children's Cabinet Advisory Board

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Removes the option to have a designee for certain members of the Children's Cabinet.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law provides for the membership of the Children's Cabinet.

Proposed law grants the following Children's Cabinet members the option to appoint a designee:

- (1) The secretary of the Dept. of Children and Family Services.
- (2) The secretary of the La. Dept. of Health.
- (3) The deputy secretary for youth services of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections.
- (4) The secretary of the La. Workforce Commission.
- (5) The state superintendent of education.
- (6) The commissioner of administration.
- (7) The secretary of the Dept. of Economic Development.

Present law directs the Children's Cabinet Advisory Board (board) to make recommendations to the cabinet as to budget priorities for the coming year by Aug. 31 annually.

Present law directs the board to make recommendations to the cabinet as to specific budget items to be supported in the Children's Budget by Nov. 30 annually.

Proposed law combines the board's recommendations to the cabinet as to budget priorities and specific budget items into one recommendation required to be submitted annually by Sept. 30.

Proposed law adds the state child ombudsman as a nonvoting ex officio member of the board.

Proposed law repeals board membership for a representative of the La. Assoc. of Nonprofit Organizations.

Proposed law permits the board to establish subcommittees including an Ezekiel's Law subcommittee.

Present law provides for the membership of the board.

Proposed law adds a representative of the La. Occupational Therapy Association.

Proposed law grants the following board members the option to appoint a designee:

- (1) The director of the State Head Start Collaboration Project.
- (2) The assistant secretary of child welfare of the Dept. of Children and Family Services.
- (3) The assistant secretary of the office of citizens with developmental disabilities of the La. Dept. of Health (LDH).
- (4) The assistant secretary of the office of public health of LDH.
- (5) The assistant secretary of the office of behavioral health of LDH.
- (6) The assistant secretary of the bureau of health services financing of LDH.
- (7) The assistant secretary of the office of juvenile justice of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections.

(Amends R.S. 46:2602(B)(1)-(6) and (13) and 2605(A) and (B)(7), (11), (13)-(16), (19), and (29); Adds R.S. 46:2605(B)(42) and (G))