

# ACT No. 543

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 137

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 46:2602(B)(1) through (6) and (13) and 2605(A) and (B)(7), (11), (13) through (16), (19), and (29) and to enact R.S. 46:2605(B)(42) and (G), relative to the Children's Cabinet and the Children's Cabinet Advisory Board; to provide for membership of the cabinet; to provide for membership of the board; to provide for duties of the board; to authorize the board to establish subcommittees; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 46:2602(B)(1) through (6) and (13) and 2605(A) and (B)(7), (11), (13) through (16), (19), and (29) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 46:2605(B)(42) and (G) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§2602. Children's Cabinet; creation; purpose

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B. The cabinet shall be composed of the following members:

- (1) The secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services or his designee.
- (2) The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health or his designee.
- (3) The deputy secretary for youth services of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections or his designee.
- (4) The secretary of the Louisiana Workforce Commission or his designee.
- (5) The state superintendent of education or his designee.
- (6) The commissioner of administration or his designee.

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1 well-being of Louisiana's children, the accomplishments of the past year, and  
2 specific goals and priorities for the next fiscal year.

3 B. The advisory board shall be composed of the following members:

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5 (7) The director of the State Head Start Collaboration Project or his designee.

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7 (11) The assistant secretary of child welfare of the Department of Children  
8 and Family Services or his designee.

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10 (13) The assistant secretary of the office for citizens with developmental  
11 disabilities of the Louisiana Department of Health or his designee.

12 (14) The assistant secretary of the office of public health of the Louisiana  
13 Department of Health or his designee.

14 (15) The assistant secretary of the office of behavioral health of the  
15 Louisiana Department of Health or his designee.

16 (16) The director of the bureau of health services financing of the Louisiana  
17 Department of Health or his designee.

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19 (19) The assistant secretary of the office of juvenile justice of the  
20 Department of Public Safety and Corrections or his designee.

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22 (29) State child ombudsman, who shall serve as a nonvoting ex officio  
23 member. ~~A representative of the Louisiana Association of Nonprofit Organizations.~~

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25 (42) A representative of the Louisiana Occupational Therapy Association.

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27 G. The advisory board may establish subcommittees that include but are not  
28 limited to an Ezekiel's Law subcommittee.

29 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
30 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature

1 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
2 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
3 effective on the day following such approval.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_