The original instrument was prepared by Julie J. Baxter. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by J. W. Wiley.

DIGEST

Claitor (SB 459)

<u>Present law</u> provides that the secretary or the attorney general may institute a civil action in the courts of this state to seek recovery from persons who violate the provisions of the Medical Assistance Programs Integrity Law.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u>, and further provides that a contract of employment of any private counsel, including fee amounts, and all final fees and costs, shall be a public record.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 46:438.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary A to the original bill

- 1. Removed a prohibition on employment of private counsel by the secretary or attorney general to institute civil actions under the Medical Assistance Programs Integrity Law.
- 2. Adds that the contract of employment of any private counsel, including fee amounts and all final fees and costs, shall be a public record.

Summary of Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Makes technical changes.