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 DIGEST

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SB 313 Reengrossed

2016 Regular Session

Barrow

Present law provides that the Council on the Status of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, referred to hereafter as the "council", is placed within the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and provides for its membership, responsibilities and duties, and its fund.

Proposed law changes present law to provide that the council is moved from DCFS to the office of the governor and is a subcommittee of the Children's Cabinet Advisory Board.

Proposed law repeals provisions of present law providing for the council's membership, responsibilities and duties, and its fund.

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Proposed law provides findings relative to support of kinship caregivers such as grandparents who raise grandchildren. Provides that proposed law shall be known and may be cited as the "State Representative Rodnette "Ronnie" Bethley Edwards Act".

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 36:4(B)(8); adds R.S. 46:2605.1-2605.3; repeals R.S. 36:478(L) and R.S. 46:2911-2913)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Clarified council composition regarding appropriate designees from Department of Health and Hospitals, Department of Children and Family Services, and Department of Education.
2. Clarified that the Children's Cabinet Advisory Board representative is the executive director and not the chair.
3. Provided for council membership representing the Louisiana Association of School Superintendents, LouisianaChildren.org, Justice Committee of the Louisiana State Bar Association and the Louisiana Head Start Association.
4. Changed the report deadline from January 1st to January 31st.
5. Made technical corrections.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Provides that the membership of the council include at least five citizens who have demonstrated a commitment to the rearing of grandchildren by grandparents.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the reengrossed bill:

1. Provide legislative findings.
2. Provide that proposed law shall be known and may be cited as the "State Representative Rodnette "Ronnie" Bethley Edwards Act".
3. Make technical, corrective, and clarifying changes.