

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

**HB 809**

**2016 Regular Session**

**Schroder**

CHILDREN/WELFARE SVCS: Provides with respect to representation of indigent or absent parents

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Adds that the intent of legislature is not to create any new right of action or cause of action as it relates to the delivery of both indigent and absent parent representation.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

Present law provides for legal representation of indigent parents with respect to child abuse and neglect cases.

Proposed law retains present law and extends the obligation to also represent absent parents in child abuse and neglect cases, including curatorship appointments.

Present law requires the petitioner to pay the fees and costs of a curator ad hoc.

Proposed law repeals present law.

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

(Amends Ch.C. Arts. 571, 572(1), 573, and 575 and R.S. 15:185.1, 185.2(2), (6), and (7), 185.3(A), (B)(1), (2), (6)(intro. para.), (11), (12), (13), (14), (15), (19)(a) and (c), 185.4(B)(1), (2)(a), (c), (d), and (e), (3)(intro. para.) and (a), (5), (7), (13), (14), and (15), 185.6(C), 185.7(B) and (C), 185.8(intro. para.), and 185.9(A)(1) and (B)(2); Repeals Ch.C. Art. 1023(C))