

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 301 (SB 313)

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Barrow

Prior law provided that the Council on the Status of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (council) is placed within the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and provides for its membership, responsibilities and duties, and its fund.

New law repeals the council and its membership, responsibilities, and duties within DCFS and the Status of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Fund as a special fund in the state treasury.

New law creates a new Council on the Status of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (council) as a subcommittee of the Children's Cabinet Advisory Board within the office of the governor and provides for the council's membership, responsibilities and duties.

New law further creates the Status of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Fund as a special fund in the state treasury and provides for appropriation of monies in the fund to be used by the council.

New law states that the legislature finds that the support of kinship caregivers such as grandparents who raise grandchildren contribute to family preservation and enhance the well-being of children in the state.

New law is to be known and cited as the "State Representative Rodnette "Ronnie" Bethley Edwards Act".

Effective upon signature of the governor (June 2, 2015).

(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)