

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 407 (HB 809)**

**2016 Regular Session**

**Schroder**

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

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

Prior law required the petitioner to pay the fees and costs of a curator ad hoc.

New law repeals prior law.

Effective upon signature of governor (June 5, 2016).

(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))