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HOUSE BILL NO. 137

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS

CHILDREN: Provides relative to the Children's Cabinet Advisory Board

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 46:2605(A) and (B)(7), (11), (13) through (16), (19), and (29)
3	and to enact R.S. 46:2605(G), relative to the Children's Cabinet Advisory Board; to
4	provide for membership of the board; to provide for duties of the board; to authorize
5	the board to establish subcommittees; and to provide for related matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 46:2605(A) and (B)(7), (11), (13) through (16), (19), and (29) are
8	hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 46:2605(G) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
9	§2605. Children's Cabinet Advisory Board
10	A. The Children's Cabinet Advisory Board, hereinafter referred to as the
11	"advisory board", is hereby created. The purpose of the advisory board shall be to
12	provide information and recommendations from the perspective of advocacy groups,
13	service providers, and parents. Primary responsibilities of the Children's Cabinet
14	Advisory Board are:
15	(1) To ensure information sharing between governmental and
16	nongovernmental entities serving Louisiana's children.
17	(2) To make recommendations to the Children's Cabinet, through the
18	executive director, as requested by the Cabinet.
19	(3) To make recommendations to the Children's Cabinet, through the
20	executive director, as necessary as determined by the advisory board.

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1	(4) To make recommendations to the Children's Cabinet, through the
2	executive director, as to the budget priorities for the coming year and specific budget
3	items to be supported in the Children's Budget by September thirtieth. by August
4	thirty-first.
5	(5) To make recommendations to the Children's Cabinet, through the
6	executive director, as to specific budget items to be supported in the Children's
7	Budget by November thirtieth.
8	(6) To make recommendations to the Children's Cabinet, through the
9	executive director, as to specific programs with the greatest potential for reducing
10	child poverty and funding opportunities for the implementation of such programs.
11	(7) (6) To make an annual report to the legislature, the Senate Committee on
12	Health and Welfare, the House Committee on Health and Welfare, the Select
13	Committee on Women and Children, and any other legislative committee requesting
14	a copy of the annual report by January thirty-first. The report shall summarize the
15	well-being of Louisiana's children, the accomplishments of the past year, and
16	specific goals and priorities for the next fiscal year.
17	B. The advisory board shall be composed of the following members:
18	* * *
19	(7) The director of the State Head Start Collaboration Project or his designee.
20	* * *
21	(11) The assistant secretary of child welfare of the Department of Children
22	and Family Services or his designee.
23	* * *
24	(13) The assistant secretary of the office for citizens with developmental
25	disabilities of the Louisiana Department of Health or his designee.
26	(14) The assistant secretary of the office of public health of the Louisiana
27	Department of Health or his designee.
28	(15) The assistant secretary of the office of behavioral health of the
29	Louisiana Department of Health or his designee.

1	(16) The director of the bureau of health services financing of the Louisiana
2	Department of Health or his designee.
3	* * *
4	(19) The assistant secretary of the office of juvenile justice of the
5	Department of Public Safety and Corrections or his designee.
6	* * *
7	(29) <u>State child ombudsman.</u> A representative of the Louisiana Association
8	of Nonprofit Organizations.
9	* * *
10	G. The advisory board may establish subcommittees that include but are not
11	limited to an Ezekiel's Law subcommittee.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for changes to the organization, reporting requirements, membership, and authority of the Children's Cabinet Advisory Board (board).

<u>Present law</u> directs the board to make recommendations to the Children's Cabinet as to budget priorities for the coming year by Aug. 31 annually.

<u>Present law</u> directs the board to make recommendations to the Children's Cabinet as to specific budget items to be supported in the Children's Budget by Nov. 30 annually.

<u>Proposed law</u> combines the board's recommendations to the Children's Cabinet as to budget priorities and specific budget items into one recommendation required to be submitted annually by Sept. 30.

Proposed law adds the state child ombudsman as a member of the board.

<u>Proposed law</u> repeals board membership for a representative of the La. Assoc. of Nonprofit Organizations.

<u>Proposed law</u> permits the board to establish subcommittees including an Ezekiel's Law subcommittee.

<u>Proposed law</u> grants the following board members the option to appoint a designee:

- (1) The director of the State Head Start Collaboration Project.
- (2) The assistant secretary of child welfare of the Dept. of Children and Family Services.

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(3) The assistant secretary of the office of citizens with developmental disabilities of the La. Dept. of Health (LDH).

- (4) The assistant secretary of the office of public health of LDH.
- (5) The assistant secretary of the office of behavioral health of LDH.
- (6) The assistant secretary of the bureau of health services financing of LDH.
- (7) The assistant secretary of the office of juvenile justice of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections.

 $(Amends\ R.S.\ 46:2605(A)\ and\ (B)(7),(11),(13)-(16),(19), and\ (29);\ Adds\ R.S.\ 46:2605(G))$