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## DIGEST

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HB 137 Engrossed

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

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

Present law 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.

Proposed law 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 nonvoting ex officio member of the board.

Proposed law repeals board membership for a representative of the La. Assoc. of Nonprofit Organizations.

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

Proposed law 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.
- (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))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Add that the state ombudsman is a nonvoting ex officio member of the Children's Cabinet Advisory Board.