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Present law (R.S. 46:1425) provides that it shall be unlawful for any person other than a licensed child-placing agency or a La. based crisis pregnancy center to advertise through print or electronic media that it will adopt children or assist in the adoption of children.

Present law provides that if any person advertises in violation of present law, the attorney general, DCFS, the appropriate district attorney, or any licensed child-placing agency or a La. based crisis pregnancy center may file suit in district court according to the general rules of venue to obtain injunctive relief to restrain the person from continuing the violation.

Present law provides that nothing in present law shall apply to any individual licensed to practice law in this state while such individual is engaged in the practice of law or to any individual licensed to provide mental health counseling as provided in present law and preplacement and home studies as provided in present law.

Present law provides that anyone who violates the provisions of present law shall be liable for all costs of any proceeding brought to enjoin such violation, including reasonable attorney fees, which shall be set by the court.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that it shall be unlawful for an adoption facilitator or an entity not licensed in La. to assist in the adoption of children.

Proposed law provides that an individual or entity licensed in La. to participate in the adoption process or assist in the adoption of children shall be considered a mandatory reporter for purposes of proposed law.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 46:1425; adds R.S. 46:1425(E))