

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 312

BY SENATOR EDMONDS

CHILDREN. Provides for the Adoption Awareness Act. (8/1/24)

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AN ACT

To enact Chapter 14-E of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 46:1445.1 through 1445.2, relative to assistance programs of the Department of Children and Family Services; to require the Department of Children and Family Services to include certain information on its website; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Chapter 14-E of Title 46 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 46:1445.1 through 1445.2, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

CHAPTER 14-E. ADOPTION AWARENESS ACT

§1445.1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Adoption Awareness Act.

§1445.2. Adoption awareness; Department of Children and Family Services

A link to the AdoptionOption.La.Gov website as provided for in R.S. 40:1061.17, or any successor state agency administered website that promotes adoption awareness and makes adoption resource information available to the public, shall be made available and placed in a prominent location on the

1 **websites administered by the Louisiana Department of Health and the**
2 **Department of Children and Family Services. Any other state agency that**
3 **administers a website may also provide a link to the AdoptionOption.La.Gov**
4 **website.**

The original instrument was prepared by Carla S. Roberts. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Amanda Trapp.

DIGEST

SB 312 Engrossed

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Proposed law requires the Louisiana Department of Health and the Department of Children and Family Services to include a link to the AdoptionOption.La.Gov website, or any successor state agency website that promotes adoption awareness and makes adoption resource information available to the public, in a prominent location on the departments' websites.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Adds R.S. 46:1445.1-1445.2)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by SenateCommittee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill

1. Removes provisions relative to the creation and requirements of an adoption awareness program.
2. Adds requirements for the Louisiana Department of Health and the Department of Children and Family Services to make adoption information available on the departments' websites.