

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 543 (HB 137)

2024 Regular Session

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Existing law provides for the membership of the Children's Cabinet.

New law grants the following Children's Cabinet members the option to appoint a designee:

- (1) The secretary of the Dept. of Children and Family Services.
- (2) The secretary of the La. Dept. of Health (LDH).
- (3) The deputy secretary for youth services of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections.
- (4) The secretary of the La. Workforce Commission.
- (5) The state superintendent of education.
- (6) The commissioner of administration.
- (7) The secretary of the Dept. of Economic Development.

Prior law directed the Children's Cabinet Advisory Board (board) to make recommendations to the cabinet as to budget priorities for the coming year by Aug. 31 annually.

Prior law directed the board to make recommendations to the cabinet as to specific budget items to be supported in the Children's Budget by Nov. 30 annually.

New law combines the board's budget recommendations and specific budget items to be supported in the Children's Budget into one recommendation required to be submitted annually by Sept. 30.

Existing law provides for the membership of the board.

New 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 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 director 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.

New law adds the state child ombudsman as a nonvoting ex officio member of the board.

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

New law adds a representative of the La. Occupational Therapy Association.

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

Effective upon signature of governor (June 10, 2024).

(Amends R.S. 46:2602(B)(1)-(6) and (13) and 2605(A) and (B)(7), (11), (13)-(16), (19), and (29); Adds R.S. 46:2605(B)(42) and (G))