

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2026 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to Re-Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 237 by Senator Barrow

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 8, after "52.3," and before "and" insert " R.S. 49:191(3)(b),"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 23, between lines 17 and 18 , insert the following:

5 "Section 5. Pursuant to R.S. 49:193, the Department of Children and Family
6 Services and the statutory entities made a part of the department by law shall be re-created
7 effective June 30, 2026, and all statutory authority therefor is continued in accordance with
8 the provisions of Part XII of Chapter 1 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

9 Section 6. All statutory authority for the existence of the Department of Children and
10 Family Services and the statutory entities made a part of the department as re-created by
11 Section 1 of this Act shall cease as of July 1, 2031, pursuant to R.S. 49:191. However, the
12 Department of Children and Family Services may be re-created prior to such date in
13 accordance with the provisions of Part XII of Chapter 1 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised
14 Statutes of 1950.

15 Section 7. The provisions of R.S. 49:193 are hereby superseded to the extent that
16 those provisions are in conflict with the provisions of this Act.

17 Section 8. R.S. 49:191(3)(b) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

18 §191. Termination of legislative authority for existence of statutory entities; phase-
19 out period for statutory entities; table of dates

20 Notwithstanding any termination dates set by any previous Act of the
21 legislature, the statutory entities set forth in this Section shall begin to terminate their
22 operations on July first of each of the following years, and all legislative authority
23 for the existence of any statutory entity, as defined in R.S. 49:190, shall cease as of
24 July first of the following year, which shall be the termination date:

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26 (3) July 1, 2030:

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28 (b) The Department of Children and Family Services and all statutory
29 entities made a part of the department by law.

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31 AMENDMENT NO. 3

32 On page 23, delete line 18 in its entirety and insert the following:

33 "Section 9. R.S. 49:191(1)(h) and Children's Code Articles 509 and 610(I) are
34 hereby repealed."

35 AMENDMENT NO. 4

36 On page 23, between lines 18 and 19, insert the following:

37 "Section 6. Sections 5 through 8 of this Act shall become effective on June 30, 2026;
38 if vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, Sections 5 through
39 8 of this Act shall become effective on June 30, 2026, or on the day following such approval
40 by the legislature, whichever is later."

- 1 AMENDMENT NO. 5
- 2 On page 23, line 19, change "Section 6." to "Section 11."