
DIGEST

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HB 475 Reengrossed

2016 Regular Session

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Abstract: Provides for the divisions and officers of the Dept. of Children and Family Services (DCFS).

Present law divides DCFS into the division of programs and the division of operations and provides for a deputy secretary for each division.

Proposed law renames the division of programs to the division of child welfare and renames the division of operations to the division of family support. Proposed law further provides for an assistant secretary for each division to be appointed by the governor.

Proposed law authorizes the secretary of DCFS to appoint a single deputy secretary to perform duties and functions determined and assigned by the secretary. Proposed law requires the deputy secretary to serve as acting secretary in the absence of the secretary.

Proposed law updates references to the division of operations and division of programs in present law to either the division of child welfare or the division of family support.

Effective July 1, 2016.

(Amends R.S. 15:555(A)(17), R.S. 36:3(4), 9(C)(2)(intro. para.), 472(A), and 475, and R.S. 46:236.1.1(13); Adds R.S. 36:476)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Make technical changes.
2. Update references in present law provisions regarding the La. Sexual Assault Task Force and family and child support programs.
3. Change the appointing authority for the assistant secretaries from the secretary of the department to the governor.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Make a technical correction to a citation in the title of the bill.
2. Update the heading of a section amended by proposed law.