The original instrument was prepared by J. W. Wiley. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Cheryl M. Serrett.

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SB 313 Reengrossed

<u>Present law</u> provides that the Council on the Status of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (council) is placed within the Department of Children and Family Services and provides for its membership, responsibilities and duties, and its fund.

<u>Proposed law</u> changes <u>present law</u> to provide that the council is moved <u>from</u> the DCFS <u>to</u> the office of the governor and is a subcommittee of the Children's Cabinet Advisory Board.

<u>Proposed law</u> repeals provisions of <u>present law</u> providing for the council's membership, responsibilities and duties, and its fund.

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Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 36:4(B)(8); adds R.S. 46:2605.1-2605.3; repeals R.S. 36:478(L) and R.S. 46:2911-2913)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill

- 1. Clarified council composition regarding appropriate designees from Department of Health and Hospitals, Department of Children and Family Services, and Department of Education.
- 2. Clarified that the Children's Cabinet Advisory Board representative is the executive director and not the chair.
- 3. Provided for council membership representing the Louisiana Association of School Superintendents, LouisianaChildren.org, Justice Committee of the Louisiana State Bar Association and the Louisiana Head Start Association.
- 4. Changed the report deadline from January 1st to January 31st.
- 5. Made technical corrections.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

| 1. | Provides that the membership of the council include at least five citizens who hav |
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| | demonstrated a commitment to the rearing of grandchildren by grandparents. |