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**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2024 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary A to Original Senate Bill No. 496  
by Senator Edmonds

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1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, at the beginning of line 2, after "To amend and reenact" delete the remainder of  
3 the line and insert "R.S. 46:1425(A) and to enact R.S. 46:1425.1 and R.S. 51:1402(10)(c),  
4 relative to children; to provide relative to adoption facilitators; to provide for terms and  
5 conditions; to provide for definitions; and"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 2

7 On page 1, delete lines 3 through 5 in their entirety

8 AMENDMENT NO. 3

9 On page 1, at the beginning of line 8, after "R.S. 46:1425" insert "(A)" and delete "R.S.  
10 46:1425(E) is" and insert "46:1425.1 is"

11 AMENDMENT NO. 4

12 On page 1, line 11, delete "; license required"

13 AMENDMENT NO. 5

14 On page 1, delete lines 12 through 16 in their entirety and insert the following:

15 **"A. It shall be prohibited for an adoption facilitator, as is defined in R.S.**  
16 **46:1425.1, to advertise for adoption services."**

17 AMENDMENT NO. 6

18 On page 2, after line 15 insert in following:

19 **"§1425.1. Adoption facilitators; prohibited conduct**

20 **A. An adoption facilitator shall not engage in any of the following activities:**

21 **(1) Advertising for the purpose of soliciting parties to an adoption, locating**  
22 **children for an adoption, or acting as an intermediary between the parties to an**  
23 **adoption.**

24 **(2) Charging a fee or other valuable consideration for service rendered relating**  
25 **to an adoption, whether directly or indirectly, for locating children for adoption, or**  
26 **acting as an intermediary between the parties to an adoption.**

27 **B. As used in this Section, "adoption facilitator" means an individual or**  
28 **jurisdictional person that acts as intermediary or facilitator between adoptive parents**  
29 **and birth mothers. An "adoption facilitator" shall not include any of the following:**

30 **(1) A licensed adoption agency.**

31 **(2) An attorney licensed to practice law in Louisiana.**

32 **(3) Any individual licensed to provide mental health counseling as provided in**  
33 **Children's Code Article 1120, and preplacement and home studies as provided in**  
34 **Children's Code Article 1173.**

35 **(4) An individual who does not receive a fee or other valuable consideration for**  
36 **services rendered relating to an adoption, whether directly or indirectly, for locating**  
37 **children for adoption, or acting as an intermediary between the parties to an adoption.**

38 **C. A violation of this Section shall be an unfair trade practice as provided in**  
39 **R.S. 51:1401, et seq."**

40 "Section 2. R.S. 51:1402(10)(c) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

1 §1402. Definitions

2 As used in this Chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings  
3 hereinafter ascribed to them:

4 \* \* \*  
5 (10)(a) \* \* \*  
6 \* \* \*

7 **(c) "Trade" or "commerce" shall include the advertising or collecting fees as**  
8 **an adoption facilitator in violation of R.S. 46:1425.1."**