

SENATE BILL NO. 467

BY SENATORS BROOME AND PETERSON AND REPRESENTATIVES BARROW,
HODGES, KATRINA JACKSON, MORENO, NORTON, SMITH, ST.
GERMAIN AND THIERRY

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Children's Code Articles 730 (introductory paragraph) and 731(A)
3 and to enact Children's Code Articles 731(C)(5) and 749(A)(5), relative to families
4 in need of services; to provide for grounds for initiating proceedings; to provide for
5 required documentation prior to filing complaints; to provide for required
6 allegations; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. Children's Code Article 730(introductory paragraph) and 731(A) are
9 hereby amended and reenacted and Children's Code Article 731(C)(5) and 749(A)(5) are
10 hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 Art. 730. Grounds

12 Allegations that a family is in need of services must assert **whether the child**
13 **is currently under the supervision of any state or local entity including, but not**
14 **limited to, the Department of Children and Family Services or the Department**
15 **of Public Safety and Corrections, youth services, the office of juvenile justice,**
16 **and assert** one or more of the following grounds:

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18 Art. 731. Complaint

19 A. A caretaker, other adult family member, any representative of an agency
20 having the responsibility or ability to supply services to a family, or any other person
21 authorized by the court may file a complaint which alleges one or more of the
22 grounds enumerated in Article 730. **Referring entities shall utilize all appropriate**
23 **and available resources prior to filing a complaint and provide documentation**
24 **of all steps taken at the time the complaint is filed. If the referring entity is a**
25 **school, it shall at a minimum document meetings with the child, meetings with**
26 **the child's caretaker, and referral of the child to school behavior support**

1 **personnel.**

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3 C. The complaint shall set forth with specificity:

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5 **(5) Whether the child is currently under the supervision of any state or**
6 **local entity, including but not limited to, the Department of Children and**
7 **Family Services or the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, youth**
8 **services, or the office of juvenile justice.**

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10 Art. 749. Contents of petition

11 A. The petition shall set forth with specificity:

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13 **(5) Whether the child is currently under the supervision of any state or**
14 **local entity, including but not limited to, the Department of Children and**
15 **Family Services or the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, youth**
16 **services, or the office of juvenile justice.**

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____