**75-5123.** Transition; preservation of civil rights of action and proceedings; criminal actions not to abate. (a) No suit, action, or other proceeding, judicial or administrative, lawfully commenced, or which could have been commenced, by or against any existing state agency mentioned in this act, or by or against any officer of the state in his or her official capacity or in relation to the discharge of his or her official duties, shall abate by reason of the taking effect of reorganization under the provisions of this act. The court may allow any such suit, action, or other proceeding to be maintained by or against the successor of any such existing state agency, or any officer affected.

(b) No criminal action commenced or which could have been commenced by the state shall abate by the taking effect of this act.

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