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## DIGEST

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HB No. 1477

**Abstract:** Provides relative to the development of uniform standards for juvenile detention facilities and provides for the licensing of such facilities.

Present law provides that the single state entity for children created pursuant to R.S. 46:2757 shall develop and recommend uniform standards and licensing procedures for local juvenile detention facilities and provides for the areas in which the uniform standards and licensing procedures shall be developed.

Proposed law changes present law to require that on or before July 1, 2011, the La. Juvenile Detention Association shall develop and recommend uniform standards for local juvenile detention facilities that comport with nationally recognized and accepted best practice standards for juvenile detention facilities.

Proposed law provides that on or before Jan. 1, 2012, the Dept. of Social Services shall develop and promulgate rules for the licensing of juvenile detention facilities.

Proposed law creates the Committee on Juvenile Detention Standards and Licensing which shall include representation of the following organizations: a representative from each of the existing juvenile detention facilities in this state, the La. Juvenile Detention Association, the LDAA, the La. Public Defender Board, the La. Sheriffs' Association, the Juvenile Justice Project of La., OJJ, the La. Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, the Dept. of Education, DSS, DHH, the La. Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the La. Municipal Association, the La. Police Jury Association, the La. Commission on Law Enforcement and Adm. of Criminal Justice, and representatives from the juvenile drug court community.

Proposed law provides that on or before Jan. 1, 2013, all current juvenile detention facilities shall be licensed pursuant to proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 15:1110)