

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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New law creates the Juvenile Justice Accountability and Cost Effectiveness Act of 2016.

New law provides for electronic systems to compile statistical data to assist in the determination of levels of accountability, cost effectiveness, and reinvestment in the juvenile justice system.

New law requires the office of juvenile justice (OJJ) to collect, maintain, and regularly report a record of statistical data concerning the services it provides, the youth it serves, the outcomes experienced, and the funds expended. Provides for publication of reports and the types of data to be collected. Requires first report to be published electronically no later than January 15, 2018. Requires data to be published statistically without any identifying information.

New law defines "episode" as a singular instance in which a youth is placed under the supervision, care, or custody of OJJ.

New law requires OJJ to cooperate and coordinate with courts, juvenile court clerks, detention centers, and public and private agencies in collecting its data.

New law requires the OJJ to collect and maintain 26 different items of data on the children it serves. Requires the data to be maintained for a minimum of five years.

New law requires specific data to be collected from all facilities that detain juveniles and provides that the information be available for inspection by any court exercising juvenile jurisdiction and Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS).

New law creates a Juvenile Justice Reinvestment Program as a fiscal incentive program to fund local efforts to enhance safety while reducing juvenile justice system costs.

New law requires the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice to determine data for calculating reductions and increases in custody placements and to report fiscal impacts on February first of each year starting in 2017.

New law provides for the development of requirements for program grant applications and a review of these applications.

New law defines "contract" as any legally binding agreement that requires the provisions of services to youth or their families in exchange for the direct or indirect payment, exchange, or granting of funds.

Present law provides that contracts for nonstate providers for services to juvenile offenders assigned to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS&C) or their families shall not exceed five years without renewal or negotiation.

New law provides that contracts for nonstate providers for services to juvenile offenders assigned to OJJ or their families shall not exceed five years without renewal or negotiation.

New law provides that any contract entered into by OJJ to provide services to youth or their families shall be performance based and include financial disincentives or consequences based on the results achieved by the contractor.

New law requires OJJ to annually publish a report detailing all contracts entered into for services to youth or their families no later than October 15th each year beginning October 15, 2017.

New law prohibits any child younger than age 13 from being detained in a juvenile detention facility when taken into custody for the alleged commission of a misdemeanor-grade delinquent act.

New law provides that no judge shall order a youth who is 13 years of age or older and who is taken into custody for a felony-grade delinquent act or for a misdemeanor-grade act based on an offense against the person of another be placed in a shelter facility.

New law provides that if a child is adjudicated for a felony-grade offense that is not a crime of violence and is committed to custody of DPS&C, the total duration of the commitment imposed shall not exceed nine months if the following conditions are met:

- (1) The child is brought in person before the court for a contradictory modification hearing before the lapse of the maximum duration of the initial nine-month commitment.
- (2) The court finds by clear and convincing evidence that continued out-of-home placement is necessary for completion of the child's treatment.

New law provides that if a child is adjudicated for a felony-grade offense that is not a crime of violence and is placed on probation, the total duration of the probation shall not exceed 18 months unless the child is brought before the court for a hearing and the court finds that continued probation is necessary.

New law provides that if a court continues a child's probation beyond 18 months, it must hold a hearing every six months to determine if probation should be terminated or extended.

Prior law provided that no judgment of disposition shall remain in force for a period exceeding the maximum term of imprisonment for the offense which forms the basis for the adjudication, except that if the child is placed on probation, the term of probation may extend for two years or longer if the child is in a full-time juvenile drug court program as a condition of probation.

New law retains these provisions but decreases the maximum term of probation from two years to one year.

Prior law, in delinquency proceedings, authorized a court, when a child is adjudged guilty of direct contempt of court or constructive contempt of court for repeated disobedience of the court's judgment of disposition, to commit the child to a juvenile detention center for not more than 15 days including time spent in detention for the contempt prior to the contempt hearing.

New law retains these provisions but reduces the time to not more than seven days for a first offense in any 12-month period. Provides that for a second offense in any 12-month period, the court may commit the child to a juvenile detention center for not more than ten days, including the time spent in detention for the contempt prior to the contempt hearing; for a third or subsequent offense in any 12-month period, the court can commit the child to a juvenile detention center for not more than 15 days, including the time spent in detention for the contempt prior to the contempt hearing.

Prior law provided that in families in need of services proceedings, when the child is adjudged guilty of contempt, the court may commit the child to a secure detention facility for not more than 15 days under certain conditions.

New law retains these provisions but reduces the amount of time the child may be held from 15 to seven days.

Effective August 1, 2016.

(Amends R.S. 15:1087, Ch.C. Arts. 815, 898, 900(A), and 1509.1(A) and (C); adds R.S. 15:931-934 and 941-945)