

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law establishes the office of juvenile justice within youth services of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections and provides that the deputy secretary for youth services is responsible for the overall administration, control, and operation of the affairs of youth services.

Existing law provides that the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of juvenile justice, shall have full control of all juvenile institutions, facilities, and programs and shall adopt all rules and regulations that it deems essential to the proper conduct of these institutions, facilities, and programs.

New law requires the deputy secretary for youth services adopt rules to develop and implement a tiered system of secure juvenile facilities in the state for the placement of juveniles in the custody of the office of juvenile justice.

New law provides that the tiered system shall be developed and implemented for the placement of low risk, medium risk, and high risk juveniles.

New law requires the office to adopt rules to implement the provisions of new law no later than January 1, 2023.

New law provides that the rules, at a minimum, shall include all of the following:

- (1) An assessment of each child to be performed upon placement in the custody of the office of juvenile justice and at other times determined necessary by the deputy secretary. Provides that the assessment shall be used to classify each child as high risk, medium risk, or low risk for the purposes of facility placement.
- (2) A medical, educational, and psychological evaluation of each child to be performed upon placement in the custody of the office of juvenile justice.
- (3) A continuum of care plan for each child in the custody of the office of juvenile justice, which shall include treatment, service, and academic and vocational opportunities.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Adds R.S. 15:903.1)