
DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates the Truth and Transparency in the La. Criminal Justice System Pilot Program and provides for certain duties and obligations of clerks of court.

Proposed law creates the Truth and Transparency in the La. Criminal Justice System Pilot Program.

Proposed law requires the clerks of court to have certain duties and obligations, including the following:

- (1) The clerk of court for Caddo Parish shall provide the public electronic access to its documents, records, and databases involving any and all matters in criminal court, immediately upon input, through a secured online accessible connection or portal, and shall provide electronic access to its documents, records, and databases involving any and all matters in criminal court, immediately upon input, through a secured online accessible connection or portal to the Dept. of Justice.
- (2) The clerk of court for the Criminal District Court for the parish of Orleans shall provide the public electronic access to its documents, records, and databases involving any and all matters in criminal court, immediately upon input, through a secured online accessible connection or portal, and shall provide electronic access to its documents, records, and databases involving any and all matters in criminal court, immediately upon input, through a secured online accessible connection or portal to the Dept. of Justice.
- (3) The clerk of court for East Baton Rouge Parish shall provide the public electronic access to its documents, records, and databases involving any and all matters in criminal court, immediately upon input, through a secured online accessible connection or portal, and shall provide electronic access to its documents, records, and databases involving any and all matters in criminal court, immediately upon input, through a secured online accessible connection or portal to the Dept. of Justice.

Proposed law further requires the clerk of court for Caddo Parish, the clerk of court for the Criminal District Court for the parish of Orleans, and the clerk of court for East Baton Rouge Parish to provide electronic access to its documents, records, and databases involving any and all matters involving juveniles accused of having committed a delinquent act as defined by present law (Ch.C. Art. 804) immediately upon input and any information regarding the proceedings, including identifying information, when any of the following is present:

- (1) The alleged delinquent is at least 13 years of age or older and is accused of an offense which if committed by an adult would be considered a crime of violence.
- (2) The alleged delinquent is at least 13 years of age or older and the delinquent act for which the juvenile is accused of is a second or subsequent felony-grade delinquent act, and the juvenile has at least one prior adjudication involving a felony-grade delinquent act.

Proposed law requires the Dept. of Justice to establish a publicly accessible website or online portal for certain records.

Provides that the duties and obligations of proposed law shall become effective and enforceable 30 days after the Act creating proposed law becomes effective. Further provides that proposed law shall become null, void, and without effect on July 1, 2025.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 13:5991-5993)