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DIGEST

SB 73 Engrossed

2023 Regular Session

Robert Mills

Present law authorizes the creation of the truancy and assessment and service centers program to prevent truancy.

Present law provides that truancy has long been demonstrated nationwide as a primary indicator of a path to juvenile delinquency and that early intervention has been shown as the key to correcting a propensity for destructive or criminal behavior.

Proposed law retains present law but changes the program title from "truancy and assessment and service centers" to "truancy assessment service centers".

Present law specifies that La. State University (LSU), office of social services research and development, is responsible for developing and implementing a monitoring and evaluation program under present law.

Proposed law retains present law but changes the developer and implementor of the truancy prevention program from the LSU office of social services research and development to the La. Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Criminal Justice (commission).

Present law provides that the LSU office of social services research and development is to report statistical data indicating the effectiveness of the truancy prevention program to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature for use by the committees in consideration of continuation or expansion of the program.

Proposed law retains present law but changes the agency that reports to the legislature from the LSU office of social services research and development to the commission and proposed law designates the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget as the legislative committee for purposes of reporting statistical data.

Proposed law provides that, subject to appropriation by the legislature, the commission may use appropriated funds to provide for the reasonable costs of administering the truancy prevention program and to provide funding for the local programs.

Proposed law directs the La. State Law Institute to make technical changes to the program title in the Children's Code and the Revised Statutes.

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

(Amends Ch.C. Title VII, Ch. 15 (chapter heading) and Arts. 791.4 and 791.5)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to the original bill

1. Makes technical changes.