

SENATE BILL NO. 73

BY SENATOR ROBERT MILLS AND REPRESENTATIVES EDMONSTON,  
GAROFALO, GOUDEAU, KNOX, LAFLEUR, SEABAUGH AND  
VILLIO

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact the chapter heading of Chapter 15 of Title VII of the Children's Code and Children's Code Arts. 791.4 and 791.5, relative to truancy and assessment and service centers; to provide with respect to monitoring, evaluation, reporting requirements, and operation; to provide for administrative costs; to provide that operations be administered by the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice; to provide for a change in the name of the program; to direct the Louisiana State Law Institute to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the name change in existing statutes and codes; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. The chapter heading of Chapter 15 of Title VII of the Children's Code and Children's Code Arts. 791.4 and 791.5 are hereby amended and reenact to read as follows:

CHAPTER 15. TRUANCY ~~AND~~ ASSESSMENT ~~AND~~ SERVICE CENTERS

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Art. 791.4. Monitoring

A. In order to determine the effectiveness of the program, ~~Louisiana State University, office of social services research and development,~~ **the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice** shall develop and implement a monitoring and evaluation program subject to state funding.

1           B. The ~~Louisiana State University, office of social services research and~~  
 2           ~~development,~~ **commission** may also develop and implement a monitoring and  
 3           evaluation program for all parishes with truancy and assessment and service centers  
 4           subject to state funding.

5           Art. 791.5. Reporting; operation

6           A. ~~On July first of each year beginning July 1, 2007, the office of social~~  
 7           ~~services research and development, Louisiana State University,~~ **The Louisiana**  
 8           **Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice** shall  
 9           report statistical data indicating the effectiveness of this program to the ~~appropriate~~  
 10          ~~standing committees of the legislature~~ **Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget**  
 11          for use by the ~~committees~~ **committee** in consideration of continuation or expansion  
 12          of the program.

13          B. The provisions of this Chapter with respect to any parish which has a  
 14          truancy ~~and~~ assessment ~~and~~ service center shall be operational subject to  
 15          appropriation by the legislature **to the commission.**

16          **C. The commission may use appropriated funds to provide for the**  
 17          **reasonable costs of administering the provisions of this Chapter and to provide**  
 18          **funding for the local truancy assessment service centers.**

19          Section 2. The Louisiana State Law Institute is hereby authorized and directed to  
 20          make the following changes:

21          A. Change any reference in the Children's Code and related provisions in the  
 22          Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 from "Truancy and Assessment and Service Centers" to  
 23          "Truancy Assessment Service Centers".

24          B. Change the reference in Children's Code Article 543(F)(10) from "Truancy  
 25          assistance service centers" to "Truancy assessment service centers".

26          C. Change the reference in R.S. 46:2758.2(B)(1) from "Truancy Assessment and  
 27          Service Centers" to "Truancy Assessment Service Centers".

28          Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
 29          signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
 30          by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

1 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
2 effective on the day following such approval.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_