
DIGEST

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HB 578 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Creates the Back on Track Youth Pilot Program.

Proposed law creates the Back on Track Youth Pilot Program with the express purpose of giving youths an option other than some form of criminal activity.

Proposed law provides that within this program, youths shall be able to participate in programs that include but are not limited to the following curriculum:

- (1) Occupational or vocational training.
- (2) Life skills.
- (3) Healthy choices.
- (4) Literacy instruction.

Proposed law provides that this program shall be administered by selected nonprofit groups as well as the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, the Dept. of Children and Family Services, the Dept. of Education, and the La. Workforce Commission.

Proposed law provides that eligibility shall be established based on a variety of criteria including but not limited to any of the following:

- (1) The income of the youth's family.
- (2) Whether the youth is considered at risk with behavior that indicates aggression or disruption, disciplinary problems, or delinquency.
- (3) Demographic locations in the state.

Proposed law defines the term "youth or youths".

(Adds R.S. 15:956)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Change references from "juveniles" to "youths".
3. Remove the Dept. of Veterans Affairs as one of the administering entities of the program.
4. Define the term "youth or youths".