

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 578

BY REPRESENTATIVES LYONS, BOYD, BRYANT, ROBBY CARTER, WILFORD CARTER, CHASSION, COX, GREEN, KNOX, LAFLEUR, MOORE, NEWELL, SELDERS, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, WALTERS, AND WILLARD

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Part V-B of Title 15 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised  
3 of R.S. 15:956, relative to children; to establish the Back on Track Youth Pilot  
4 Program; to provide for a purpose; to provide for a curriculum; to provide for  
5 administration of the program; to provide for eligibility; and to provide for related  
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. Part V-B of Title 15 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised  
9 of R.S. 15:956, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 PART V-B. BACK ON TRACK YOUTH PILOT PROGRAM

11 §956. Back on Track Youth Pilot Program

12 A. The Back on Track Youth Pilot Program is hereby established with the  
13 express purpose of giving youths an option other than some form of criminal activity.

14 B. Within this program, youths shall be able to participate in programs that  
15 include but are not limited to the following curriculum:

16 (1) Occupational or vocational training.

17 (2) Life skills.

18 (3) Healthy choices.

19 (4) Literacy instruction.

20 C. This program shall be administered by selected nonprofit groups as well  
21 as the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, the Department of Children and

1           Family Services, the Department of Education, and the Louisiana Workforce  
2           Commission.

3                   D. Eligibility shall be established based on a variety of criteria including but  
4           not limited to any of the following:

5                           (1) The income of the youth's family.

6                           (2) Whether the youth is considered at risk with behavior that indicates  
7           aggression or disruption, disciplinary problems, or delinquency.

8                           (3) Demographic locations in the state.

9                           E. For the purposes of this Section, "youth or youths" shall mean a person  
10           who has not attained eighteen years of age.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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