

Existing law provides for the La. Public Defender Board and provides for the hiring of a juvenile justice compliance officer.

Prior law provided that the officer shall be an attorney licensed to practice law with at least three years of experience as a criminal defense attorney or in juvenile law, or possess a master's degree in public administration from an accredited school or university and possess five years of progressively responsible experience conducting organizational assessments. If licensed as an attorney in a state other than La., prior law required the compliance officer to become licensed as an attorney in this state within one year of being employed by the board.

New law retains these provisions of prior law and further provides that a doctoral degree in any field can also serve as qualifying educational criteria for the juvenile justice compliance officer position.

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(Amends R.S. 15:158(A)(3))