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DIGEST

SB 323 Reengrossed

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Present law establishes the office of juvenile justice within youth services of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections and provides that the deputy secretary for youth services is responsible for the overall administration, control, and operation of the affairs of youth services.

Present law provides that the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of juvenile justice, shall have full control of all juvenile institutions, facilities, and programs and shall adopt all rules and regulations that it deems essential to the proper conduct of these institutions, facilities, and programs.

Proposed law requires the deputy secretary for youth services adopt rules to develop and implement a tiered system of secure juvenile facilities in the state for the placement of juveniles in the custody of the office of juvenile justice. Provides that the tiered system shall be developed and implemented for the placement of low risk, medium risk, and high risk juveniles. Requires the rules to be adopted no later than January 1, 2023.

Proposed law provides that the rules, at a minimum, shall include all of the following:

- (1) An assessment of each child to be performed upon placement in the custody of the office of juvenile justice and at other times determined necessary by the deputy secretary. Provides that the assessment shall be used to classify each child as high risk, medium risk, or low risk for the purposes of facility placement.
- (2) A medical, educational, and psychological evaluation of each child to be performed upon placement in the custody of the office of juvenile justice.
- (3) A continuum of care plan for each child in the custody of the office of juvenile justice, which shall include treatment, service, academic, and vocational opportunities.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Adds R.S. 15:903.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Provides that the rules adopted by the deputy secretary of youth services include, at a minimum, a risk level assessment for facility placement, a medical, educational, and psychological evaluation, and a continuum of care plan for each child in the custody of the office of juvenile justice.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Makes a technical change.