

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 183

BY SENATOR CARTER

JUVENILE JUSTICE. Provides relative to academic plans for children committed to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections. (8/1/24)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Children's Code Art. 905.1(G) and 908(C)(3) and to enact Children's
3 Code Art. 905.1(H), relative to delinquency; to require the provision of certain
4 services to juveniles adjudicated as delinquent; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. Children's Code Art. 905.1(G) and 908(C)(3) are hereby amended and
7 reenacted and Children's Code Art. 905.1(H) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 Art. 905.1. Academic plan for children committed to the Department of Public
9 Safety and Corrections

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11 G. For purposes of this Title, "individualized learning plan" shall include
12 vocational training.

13 H. Upon discharge from the department's custody, a copy of the child's
14 academic plan and all progress reports shall be provided to the child's parents or
15 guardian. The department shall provide this information to the school or academic
16 program in which the child is thereafter enrolled upon written request.

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1 Art. 908. Care and treatment by department

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3 C. At least six months prior to the release of the child, the department shall
4 prepare a written, individualized, and thorough transitional plan developed in
5 collaboration with the child and any agency or department assuming his custody,
6 care, or responsibility.

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8 (3) The transitional plan shall address the needs of the child, including but not
9 limited to education, health, permanent connections, living arrangements,
10 independent living skills, **vocational training**, and employment.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alden A. Clement Jr.

DIGEST

SB 183 Engrossed

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Present law provides for academic plans for children committed to the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections (DPSC).

Present law requires the DPSC to submit the individualized education plan or individualized learning plan to the court within 45 days of the child's admission to the secure care facility and that a copy be provided to the parents or guardian of the child, the district attorney, and counsel for the child at the time it is submitted to the court.

Proposed law requires that the child's individualized learning plan include vocational training.

Present law requires, at least six months prior to the release of the child, DPSC to prepare a written, individualized, and thorough transitional plan developed in collaboration with the child and any agency or department assuming his custody, care, or responsibility.

Present law requires the transitional plan to address the needs of the child, including but not limited to education, health, permanent connections, living arrangements, independent living skills, and employment.

Proposed law adds the requirement that the transitional plan include vocational training.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends Ch.C. Art. 905.1(G) and 908(C)(3); adds Ch.C. Art. 905.1(H))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Deletes proposed change to the definition of "child" relative to delinquency matters.
2. Adds vocational training component to the child's individualized learning plan developed by the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections.
3. Adds requirement that the transitional plan developed by the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, which is required to address the needs of the child, include vocational training.