

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 345

BY SENATOR BARROW

JUVENILE JUSTICE. Requires the office of juvenile justice to submit an annual report to the legislature. (8/1/26)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 15:933.2, relative to the office of juvenile justice; to provide for an annual

3 report to the legislature; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 15:933.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

6 **§933.2. Office of juvenile justice; annual report to the legislature**

7 **The secretary of the office of juvenile justice shall submit an annual**

8 **report on or before February first of each year to the Senate Committee on**

9 **Judiciary B, the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice, and**

10 **the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library pursuant to R.S. 24:771 and**

11 **772. The report shall, at a minimum, include the following information:**

12 **(1) Prevention and intervention programs available to juveniles,**

13 **including school and community-based programs.**

14 **(2) Development of diversion programs with expanded eligibility.**

15 **(3) For juveniles in the custody of the office of juvenile justice, access to**

16 **educational resources and physical and mental health resources, including but**

17 **not limited to assessments and treatment.**

1 **(4)(a) The number of juveniles in the custody of the office of juvenile**
 2 **justice delineated by age of juvenile and facility.**

3 **(b) The number of complaints received by the office of juvenile justice**
 4 **from a juvenile in the custody of the office or his family delineated by type of**
 5 **complaint and facility.**

6 **(c) The number of investigations conducted due to a reported complaint**
 7 **delineated by status of investigation, resolution, and facility.**

8 **(d) The number of lawsuits delineated by case number and status.**

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

DIGEST

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Barrow

Proposed law requires the secretary of the office of juvenile justice (OJJ) to submit an annual report on or before February first of each year to the Senate Committee on Judiciary B, the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice, and the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library.

Proposed law requires that the report, at a minimum, include all of the following information:

- (1) Prevention and intervention programs available to juveniles, including school and community-based programs.
- (2) Development of diversion programs with expanded eligibility.
- (3) For juveniles in the custody of the office of juvenile justice, access to educational resources and physical and mental health resources, including but not limited to assessments and treatment.
- (4) The number of juveniles in the custody of the office of juvenile justice delineated by age of juvenile and facility.
- (5) The number of complaints received by the office of juvenile justice from a juvenile in the custody of the office or his family delineated by type of complaint and facility.
- (6) The number of investigations conducted due to a reported complaint delineated by status of investigation, resolution, and facility.
- (7) The number of lawsuits delineated by case number and status.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 15:933.2)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Add House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice as a recipient of OJJ's annual report to the legislature.