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HB No. 1035

Abstract: Changes the educational requirements for the juvenile justice compliance officer for the La. Public Defender Board to include a doctoral degree in any field.

Present law provides for the La. Public Defender Board.

Present law provides for the hiring of a juvenile justice compliance officer and provides 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., the compliance officer shall become licensed as an attorney in this state within one year of being employed by the board.

Proposed law retains these provisions of present 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.

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