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HOUSE BILL NO. 1035

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CRIMINAL/PROCEDURE: Provides relative to the qualifications of the juvenile justice compliance officer for the Louisiana Public Defender Board

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:158(A)(3), relative to the Louisiana Public Defender Board;  
3 to provide with respect to the educational requirements for the juvenile justice  
4 compliance officer; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 15:158(A)(3) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §158. Juvenile justice compliance officer

8 A. The board shall employ a juvenile justice compliance officer who shall  
9 meet the following qualifications:

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11 (3) Be an attorney licensed to practice law in the United States with at least  
12 three years of experience as a criminal defense attorney or in juvenile law, or possess  
13 a master's degree in public administration or a doctoral degree in any field from an  
14 accredited school or university and possess five years of progressively responsible  
15 experience conducting organizational assessments, ~~and, if~~ If licensed as an attorney  
16 in a state other than Louisiana, the juvenile justice compliance officer shall become  
17 licensed as an attorney in this state within one year of being employed by the board.

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**DIGEST**

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**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))