

Prior law provided for the creation, structure and funding of an early intervention program in the 16th Judicial District (parishes of Iberia, St. Mary, and St. Martin) to address the underlying causes of juvenile behavioral problems and school performance problems related to behavior in order to attempt to prevent juvenile delinquency in later years.

Prior law provided certain program procedures and conditions, including: (1) duly authorized representatives of the local school board, law enforcement agencies, including sheriff's offices and city and municipal police offices, courts exercising jurisdiction over juveniles and their caretakers, and designated service providers sign interagency agreements specific to each parish representing a commitment by each entity to agree to provide certain services; (2) reports are to be provided by the district attorney concerning certain statistical information; and (3) the creation of the Sixteenth Judicial District Attorney Early Intervention Fund, and providing that in all criminal matters except traffic violations in the parishes of Iberia, St. Mary, and St. Martin, there is taxed against every defendant who is convicted after trial or after a plea of guilty or nolo contendere or who forfeits his bond, an additional \$25 for each misdemeanor and \$50 for each felony, to be placed into the fund.

New law retains prior law and adds the 19th Judicial District (parish of East Baton Rouge) within the prior law concerning the early intervention program.

New law further creates the Nineteenth Judicial District Attorney Early Intervention Fund and provides for the placement into the fund of the additional amounts collected against criminal defendants in East Baton Rouge Parish.

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(Amends Ch. C. Arts. 793.1, 793.3 and 793.4)