
DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes the establishment of arts-based programming at juvenile detention facilities operated by OJJ or by any governmental, profit, nonprofit, private, or public agency and provides relative to the funding of such programming.

Present law requires the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, office of juvenile justice (OJJ), to have full control of all juvenile institutions, facilities, and programs under its administration and the affairs of such institutions, facilities, and programs. Present law further requires all children in these juvenile institutions, facilities, and programs to receive appropriate treatment, training, and education commensurate with their needs and abilities. In this regard, present law authorizes OJJ to enter into contracts or cooperative agreements to fulfill its obligations to accomplish its goals in the most efficient manner possible.

Present law requires the Dept. of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to develop and promulgate, in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, rules governing the licensing of juvenile detention facilities, and further requires all juvenile detention facilities, including facilities owned or operated by any governmental, profit, nonprofit, private, or public agency, to be licensed in accordance with rules promulgated by DCFS pursuant to present law.

Proposed law retains present law and does all of the following:

- (1) Authorizes OJJ to establish arts-based programming in its juvenile institutions, facilities, and programs.
- (2) Authorizes each juvenile detention facility licensed pursuant to present law, including facilities owned or operated by any governmental, profit, nonprofit, private, or public agency, to establish arts-based programming in the juvenile detention facility.
- (3) Provides that the arts-based programming may include but is not limited to performing arts, visual arts, and other arts activities that enhance youth development.
- (4) Authorizes OJJ and the juvenile detention facility owner or operator, for the purposes of funding the arts-based programming, to receive, by appropriation, gift, grant, donation, or otherwise, any sum of money, aid, or assistance from any person, firm, or corporation or from the U.S., its agencies, the state of La., or any political subdivision of the state.

(Amends R.S. 15:905(A); Adds R.S. 15:1110(D))