
DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates the Back on Track Youth Pilot Program.

Proposed law creates the Back on Track Youth Pilot Program with the express purpose of giving juveniles an option other than some form of criminal activity.

Proposed law provides that within this program, juveniles shall be able to participate in programs that include, but are not limited to, the following curriculum:

- (1) Occupational or vocational training.
- (2) Life skills.
- (3) Healthy choices.
- (4) Literacy instruction.

Proposed law provides that this program shall be administered by selected nonprofit groups as well as the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, the Dept. of Children and Family Services, the Dept. of Education, the La. Workforce Commission, and the Dept. of Veterans Affairs.

Proposed law provides that eligibility shall be established based on a variety of criteria including but not limited to any of the following:

- (1) The income of the juvenile's family.
- (2) Whether the juvenile is considered at risk with behavior that indicates aggression or disruption, disciplinary problems, or juvenile delinquency.
- (3) Demographic locations in the state.

(Adds R.S. 15:956)