

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2025 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 165 by Senator Miller

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "1109.13," delete the remainder of the line and insert "1109.15, 1109.16(A), and 1109.17 and to enact R.S. 15:1109.16(C),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 7, after "board;" and before "and to provide" insert "to provide for certain requirements and limitations; to provide for effectiveness;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 10, after "1109.13," and before "1109.16(A)," insert "1109.15,"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 11, after "reenacted" and before "to" insert "and R.S. 15:1109.16(C) is hereby enacted"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, at the beginning of line 2, change "A." to "A.(1)"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, between lines 23 and 24, insert the following:

"(2) One of the commissioners appointed by the sheriff of Lafourche Parish or the district attorney or chief judge of the Seventeenth Judicial District pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall be a member from the Lafourche Parish Juvenile Justice Commission."

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 3, between lines 4 and 5, insert the following:

"§1109.15. Board; general authority
A.(1) The board may purchase or otherwise acquire, construct, reconstruct, rehabilitate, improve, repair, operate, lease as lessor or lessee, manage, and administer ~~or enter into contracts for~~ the management, administration, and operation of a juvenile detention facility or facilities, shelter care facility or facilities, or such other juvenile justice facilities as are useful, necessary, expedient, or convenient to carry out the plans and purposes of the commission and **provide** for the orderly conduct of its business. **All employees shall be employed directly by the commission.**

(2) Such facilities may include but are not limited to office facilities, parking facilities, diagnostic facilities, dormitories, and other residential facilities for delinquent, neglected, or abused children or children in need of care or supervision, as well as for employees, patrons, visitors, and relatives of children who may enter the juvenile justice system or who are in need of care or supervision. In addition, the commission may lease, purchase, or acquire by donation or otherwise any property,

immovable or movable, tangible or intangible, from any person, firm, or corporation, including the state and its agencies and political subdivisions.

~~(2)~~ **(3)** The diagnostic facilities, dormitories, and other residential facilities may also be used to operate post-adjudication programming, including treatment and rehabilitation.

B. The board may also authorize and approve, upon such terms as it may deem advisable, contracts of employment for a superintendent or administrator and other necessary personnel and contracts for legal, financial, engineering, and other professional services necessary or expedient for the conduct of its affairs. **The superintendent or administrator shall be employed directly by the commission.**

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 3, at the beginning of line 6, change "A." to "A.**(1)**"

AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 3, line 7, after the period "." and before "the exercise" delete "In" and insert **"Except as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, in"**

AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 3, between lines 17 and 18, insert the following:

"(2) In Lafourche Parish, the board of commissioners of the River Parishes Juvenile Justice Commission shall be required to fund the purposes of the River Parishes Juvenile Justice District from existing ad valorem taxes levied and collected in Lafourche Parish as of June 1, 2025, and shall be prohibited from levying any additional ad valorem taxes in order to fund the purpose of the commission and administer the general authority of the board pursuant to this Subpart."

AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 3, between lines 18 and 19, insert the following:

"C. Any and all elections held by the district pursuant to this Section shall be held on a date that corresponds with a gubernatorial or congressional primary election as provided in R.S. 18:402."

AMENDMENT NO. 12

On page 4, after line 13, add the following:

"Section 2. The provisions of Section 1 of this Act shall take effect and become operative if and when a majority of the qualified electors in Lafourche Parish vote in favor of a proposition to authorize the governing authority of Lafourche Parish to rededicate any ad valorem tax millage levied and collected as of June 1, 2025, to fund the purpose of the River Parishes Juvenile Justice Commission in an election held for such purpose on a date that corresponds with a gubernatorial or congressional primary election as provided in R.S. 18:402.

Section 3. The provisions of this Section and Section 2 of this Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval."