

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1204

BY REPRESENTATIVE LYONS

JUVENILES: Provides relative to the Back on Track Youth Pilot Program

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:827.3(A)(2)(d) and 951(C), relative to the Back on Track
3 Youth Pilot Program; to provide relative to allocation of certain monies; to provide
4 for administration of the program; to provide relative to the intermediary of the
5 program; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 15:827.3(A)(2)(d) and 951(C) are hereby amended and reenacted to
8 read as follows:

9 §827.3. Savings attributable to criminal justice reforms; data collection and
10 reporting requirements to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget

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13 (2) Each fiscal year, the annual savings shall be allocated as follows:

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15 (d) Fifteen percent shall be allocated to the ~~Louisiana Children's Trust Fund~~
16 ~~Board~~ Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of juvenile justice, to
17 administer and operate the Back on Track Youth Pilot Program as provided in R.S.
18 15:951.

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1 §951. Back on Track Youth Pilot Program

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3 C.(1) This program shall be administered by selected nonprofit groups as
4 well as the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of juvenile justice,
5 the Department of Children and Family Services, the Department of Education, and
6 Louisiana Works, ~~and the Louisiana Children's Trust Fund Board~~.

7 (2) The ~~Louisiana Children's Trust Fund Board~~ Department of Public Safety
8 and Corrections, office of juvenile justice, is hereby named as the intermediary of the
9 program with the authority to manage or administer funds and address any changes
10 in program funding as needed.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to the Back on Track Youth Pilot Program and removes the La. Children's Trust Fund Bd. with respect to administration of funds.

Present law (R.S. 15:827.3) provides for savings attributable to criminal justice reforms.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS&C), at the end of each fiscal year, to calculate the annual savings realized as a result of criminal justice reinvestment and provides for allocation of the annual savings.

Present law requires that 15% of the annual savings be allocated to the La. Children's Trust Fund Bd. for administration and operation of the Back on Track Youth Pilot Program as provided in present law (R.S. 15:951).

Proposed law changes the recipient of the 15% allocation from the La. Children's Trust Fund Bd. to the DPS&C, office of juvenile justice (OJJ).

Present law (R.S. 15:951) provides for the Back on Track Youth Pilot Program.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law (R.S. 15:951(C)) requires the program be administered by selected nonprofit groups, certain state agencies, and the La. Children's Trust Fund Bd.

Proposed law amends present law to add the OJJ as an administering entity and remove the La. Children's Trust Fund Bd. as an administering entity.

Present law designates the La. Children's Trust Fund Bd. as the intermediary of the program with the authority to manage or administer funds and address any changes in program funding as needed.

Proposed law changes the intermediary from the La. Children's Trust Fund Bd. to the OJJ.

(Amends R.S. 15:827.3(A)(2)(d) and 951(C))