

Regular Session, 2009

HOUSE BILL NO. 565

BY REPRESENTATIVE ERNST

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

JUVENILES: Provides with respect to informal adjustment agreements

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Children's Code Articles 839(C) and 840(C), relative to informal
3 adjustment agreements; to provide with respect to authority of the court to utilize a
4 teen or youth court program; to require the consent of the district attorney; to extend
5 the maximum period of informal adjustment; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. Children's Code Articles 839(C) and 840(C) are hereby amended and
8 reenacted to read as follows:

9 Art. 839. Availability of an informal adjustment agreement

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11 C. When entering an informal adjustment agreement, the court ~~has the~~
12 ~~authority to~~ may, with concurrence of the district attorney, utilize or initiate a teen
13 or youth court program and may assess a fee to a participant in the program to offset
14 costs.

15 Art. 840. Form of agreement

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17 C. The initial period of informal adjustment shall not exceed six months;
18 however, the court may extend the agreement for ~~one additional period not to exceed~~
19 ~~six months~~ additional periods of six months, not to exceed a total of two years.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Extends the duration of the period of informal adjustments for juveniles to a maximum of two years, and clarifies that the consent of the district attorney is required when the court utilizes a teen or youth court program when entering into an informal adjustment agreement.

Present law, with regard to juvenile delinquency matters, authorizes the district attorney, or the court with the consent of the district attorney, to authorize an informal adjustment agreement. Provides that the court has the authority to utilize teen or youth court programs when entering into informal adjustment agreements.

Proposed law retains present law and requires the consent of the district attorney in order for the court to utilize teen or youth court programs.

Present law provides that the period of informal adjustment shall not exceed six months, with one additional period not to exceed six months.

Proposed law amends present law to increase the total informal adjustment period from one year to two years.

(Amends Ch.C. Arts. 839(C) and 840(C))