Regular Session, 2009

HOUSE BILL NO. 282

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHAMPAGNE

CHILDREN: Reauthorizes the early intervention program for at-risk children and their families in certain parishes

1   AN ACT

2   To amend and reenact Children's Code Article 793.1(introductory paragraph), 793.2

3   (introductory paragraph), and 793.3 (A), (B), and (D) and to repeal Children's Code

4   Article 793.3(E), relative to reauthorization of the early intervention program for at-

5   risk children; to make the program permanent; to eliminate a sunset date for the

6   program; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

7   Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published

8   as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of

9   Louisiana.

10   Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11   Section 1.   Children's Code Article 793.1(introductory paragraph), 793.2

12   (introductory paragraph), and 793.3 (A), (B), and (D) are hereby amended and reenacted to

13   read as follows:

14   Art. 793.1. Early intervention ~~pilot~~ program; authorization; purpose

15   The purpose of this Article and Articles 793.2 through 793.4 is to authorize

16   the creation of an early intervention ~~pilot~~ program, hereinafter referred to as the

17   "~~pilot~~ program", in the parishes of Iberia, St. Mary, and St. Martin ~~which shall serve~~

18   ~~as pilot sites~~. The purpose of the program shall be to address the underlying causes

19   of behavioral problems and school performance problems related to behavior by

1   pooling existing resources targeted at the child and family through appropriate action

2   by service and treatment providers. The legislature finds:

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4   Art. 793.2. Community involvement

5   ~~In the event that the pilot program is created, duly~~ Duly authorized

6   representatives of the local school board, law enforcement agencies, including

7   sheriffs' offices and city and municipal police offices, courts exercising jurisdiction

8   over juveniles and their caretakers, and designated service providers shall sign

9   interagency agreements specific to each parish representing a commitment by each

10   entity to agree to provide the following types of services:

11   *   *   *

12   Art. 793.3. Reporting; funding; implementation; termination

13   A. No later than June fifteenth of each year, the district attorney shall report

14   statistical data indicating the effectiveness of the ~~pilot~~ program to the appropriate

15   standing committees of the legislature for use by the committees in consideration of

16   ~~the continuation or~~ expansion of the program.

17   B. The ~~pilot~~ program shall be implemented in three phases as follows:

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19   D. The implementation of this ~~pilot~~ program may be subject to appropriation

20   of funds by the legislature for such purpose.

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22   Section 2. Children's Code Article 793.3(E) is repealed in its entirety.

23   Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not

24   signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature

25   by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

26   vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become

27   effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Makes the early intervention pilot program in the parishes of Iberia, St. Mary, and St. Martin permanent.

Present law provides for an early intervention pilot program for at-risk children in the parishes of Iberia, St. Mary, and St. Martin.

Proposed law makes the program permanent.

Present law provides for the program's termination on July 1, 2009.

Proposed law eliminates the termination date.

Effective upon signature of governor or upon lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends Ch.C. Art. 793.1 (intro. para.), 793.2 (intro. para.), and 793.3 (A), (B), and (D); Repeals Ch.C. Art. 793.3(E))