Regular Session, 2009

HOUSE BILL NO. 565

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BY REPRESENTATIVE ERNST

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

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
10	* * *
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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1	C. The <u>initial</u> period of informal adjustment shall not exceed six months;
2	however, the court may extend the agreement for one additional period not to exceed
3	six months additional periods of six months, not to exceed a total of two years.
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	SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
	PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
	GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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