

Regular Session, 2009

HOUSE BILL NO. 282

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHAMPAGNE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Children's Code Article 793.1(introductory paragraph), 793.2 (introductory paragraph), and 793.3 (A), (B)(introductory paragraph), and (D) and to repeal Children's Code Article 793.3(E), relative to reauthorization of the early intervention program for at-risk children; to make the program permanent; to eliminate a sunset date for the program; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of
Louisiana.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Children's Code Article 793.1(introductory paragraph), 793.2 (introductory paragraph), and 793.3 (A), (B)(introductory paragraph), and (D) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

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

The purpose of this Article and Articles 793.2 through 793.4 is to authorize the creation of an early intervention ~~pilot~~ program, hereinafter referred to as the "pilot program", in the parishes of Iberia, St. Mary, and St. Martin ~~which shall serve as pilot sites~~. The purpose of the program shall be to address the underlying causes of behavioral problems and school performance problems related to behavior by pooling existing resources targeted at the child and family through appropriate action by service and treatment providers. The legislature finds:

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Art. 793.2. Community involvement

~~In the event that the pilot program is created, duly~~ Duly authorized representatives of the local school board, law enforcement agencies, including sheriffs' offices and city and municipal police offices, courts exercising jurisdiction over juveniles and their caretakers, and designated service providers shall sign interagency agreements specific to each parish representing a commitment by each entity to agree to provide the following types of services:

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Art. 793.3. Reporting; funding; implementation; termination

A. No later than June fifteenth of each year, the district attorney shall report statistical data indicating the effectiveness of the ~~pilot~~ program to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature for use by the committees in consideration of ~~the continuation or~~ expansion of the program.

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

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D. The implementation of this ~~pilot~~ program may be subject to appropriation of funds by the legislature for such purpose.

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

Section 3. 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.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____