

Regular Session, 2009

# ACT No. 213

HOUSE BILL NO. 565

BY REPRESENTATIVE ERNST

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

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AN ACT

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

Art. 839. Availability of an informal adjustment agreement

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

Art. 840. Form of agreement

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1 C. The initial 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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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