## Ernst (HB 565)

<u>Prior law</u>, with regard to juvenile delinquency matters, authorized the district attorney, or the court with the consent of the district attorney, to authorize an informal adjustment agreement. Provided that the court has the authority to utilize teen or youth court programs when entering into informal adjustment agreements.

<u>New law</u> requires the consent of the district attorney in order for the court to utilize teen or youth court programs.

<u>Prior law</u> provided for a maximum period of informal adjustment which shall not exceed six months, with one additional period not to exceed six months.

<u>New law</u> amends <u>prior law</u> to increase the total informal adjustment period <u>from</u> one year <u>to</u> two years.

Effective August 15, 2009.

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