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2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 284

BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

COURTS. Provides for costs in juvenile delinquency proceedings. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:1595.3(C), relative to court fees and costs; to provide relative to taxing and assessing court costs in juvenile delinquency proceedings; to provide for terms, conditions, and procedures; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 13:1595.3(C) is hereby amend and reenact to read as follows:

7 §1595.3. Fees; enumeration

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C.(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, from July 1, 2021, until June 30, 2026, no court exercising juvenile jurisdiction in any parish in the state of Louisiana shall tax or assess costs in a juvenile delinquency proceeding against any juvenile delinquent or defendant, or the parents or guardians of the juvenile delinquent or defendant, for any judicial expenses or to cover any operating expenses of the court; including but not limited to any salaries of court personnel, the establishment or maintenance of a law library for the court, or the purchase or maintenance of any type of equipment or supplies, provided by R.S. 15:910, 1086, 1093, 1094.7 and 1097.7, R.S. 47:299.1, Children's Code Articles 320,

1	321, 335, 405, 607, 774, 781.1, 783, 793.4, 809, 811.2, 839, 848, 868, 888, 896, 897,
2	899, 901.1, and 924, and Code of Criminal Procedure Article 887.
3	(2) The provisions of this Subsection shall not be applicable to the
4	enforcement of fines or restitution in juvenile delinquency proceedings.
5	Section 2. The Louisiana Supreme Court shall distribute copies of this Act to all
6	Louisiana courts exercising juvenile jurisdiction no later than July 1, 2024.
7	Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
8	signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
9	by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
10	vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
11	effective on the day following such approval.
	The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michelle Ridge.

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<u>Present law</u> provides that from July 1, 2021, until June 30, 2026, no court exercising juvenile jurisdiction shall tax or assess costs in a juvenile delinquency proceeding against any juvenile delinquent or defendant, or the parents or guardians of the delinquent or defendant, for any judicial expenses or to cover any operating expenses of the court.

<u>Proposed law</u> removes the dates in which no tax or costs can be assessed in a juvenile delinquency proceeding.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the prohibition to tax or assess court costs in juvenile proceedings is not applicable to the enforcement of fines or restitution in juvenile delinquency proceedings.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the La. Supreme Court to distribute copies of <u>proposed law</u> to all courts in the state exercising juvenile jurisdiction no later than July 1, 2024.

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

(Amends R.S. 13:1595.3(C))