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SENATE BILL NO. 197

BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

COURTS. Provides for fines and penalties in juvenile delinquency proceedings. (gov sig)

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To enact R.S. 13:1595.4, relative to court fines and penalties; to provide with respect to the imposition of certain court fines and penalties in juvenile delinquency proceedings; to provide relative to terms, conditions, and procedures; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 13:1595.4 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1595.4. Fines and penalties

A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, no court exercising juvenile jurisdiction in any parish in the state of Louisiana shall impose fines or other financial penalties in a juvenile delinquency proceeding as provided in R.S. 14:95.8, R.S. 15:303, and Children's Code Article 959 against any juvenile delinquent or defendant, or the parents or guardians of the juvenile delinquent or defendant, as a disposition or to cover any operating expenses of the court, including but not limited to any salaries of court personnel, district attorney offices, police juries, or local judicial districts.

B. The provisions of Subsection A of this Section are not applicable to the

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enforcement of restitution in juvenile delinquency proceedings.

Section 2. The Louisiana Supreme Court shall distribute copies of this Act to all courts exercising juvenile jurisdiction no later than July 1, 2024.

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.

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>Proposed law</u> provides that no court exercising juvenile jurisdiction shall impose fines or other financial penalties in certain juvenile delinquency proceedings against any juvenile delinquent or defendant, or the parents or guardians of the juvenile delinquent or defendant, on behalf of any juvenile delinquent or defendant, as a disposition or to cover any operating expenses of certain agencies.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the imposition of fines or other financial penalties is not applicable to the enforcement of restitution in juvenile delinquency proceedings.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the La. Supreme Ct. to distribute copies of <u>proposed law</u> to all courts exercising juvenile jurisdiction by July 1, 2024.

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

(Adds R.S. 13:1595.4)