

Subject Eliminating certain juvenile fines and allowing restorative programs in place of some restitution payments

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Overview

In 2023, the legislature created the Office of Restorative Practices to oversee and support restorative practices initiatives at the local level.

This bill allows courts to order that a juvenile who commits an offense participate in a restorative process instead of paying restitution to a victim. It also eliminates the requirement that courts impose fines on juveniles found to be delinquent, a major highway or water traffic offender, or a petty offender. The bill authorizes the Office of Restorative Practices to issue grants to provide restitution funds that allow a victim of a juvenile offense to obtain monetary compensation to satisfy the restitution obligations of a child who participates in a restorative program.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Court order, findings, remedies, treatment. Authorizes courts to allow a juvenile found to be delinquent to participate in a restorative process in place of paying financial restitution to a victim. Eliminates the requirement that a court impose a fine on a juvenile found to be delinquent.
2	Juvenile major highway or water traffic offender. Authorizes courts to allow a juvenile found to be a major highway or water traffic offender to participate in a restorative process that raises funds in place of paying financial restitution to a victim. Eliminates the requirement that a court impose a fine on a juvenile found to be a major highway or water traffic offender. Eliminates the requirement that a juvenile pay the chemical dependency assessment charge.
3	Dispositions. Eliminates the requirement that a court impose a fine on a juvenile found to be a petty offender. Authorizes courts to allow a juvenile found to be a petty offender to

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participate in a restorative process to raise funds in place of paying financial restitution to a victim.

4 Grants.

Authorizes the Office of Restorative Practices to award grants to provide restitution funds that allow a victim of a juvenile offense, juvenile petty offense, or major traffic offense committed by a juvenile to obtain monetary compensation to satisfy the restitution obligations of a child who participates in a restorative program.



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