

County attorney on state board

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Gov. Steve Beshear has appointed Henderson County Attorney Steve Gold to the newly-formed Kentucky Juvenile Justice Oversight Council.

Created earlier this year by the General Assembly, the 14-member council is responsible for providing independent review of the state juvenile justice system.

Gold was nominated by Attorney General Jack Conway for the at-large position designated for a member of the Kentucky County Attorney's Association.

"I have dedicated much of my career to finding and applying more effective preventions and responses to juvenile crime," Gold said, adding that he is "very honored" for the confidence the attorney general and



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governor have placed in him.

Gold cited his office's collaboration with the Henderson County School Dis-

trict and the Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice to create the Center for Youth Justice and Services, an early intervention program housed at Henderson County High School that blends accountability with mentoring and counseling, as the type of program he would like to see embraced statewide.

"It makes much more sense to focus our limited resources on getting young people back on the right track than to wait until they are adults in prisons," said Gold.