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**Highlights**

- The impact of the introduction of an Earning or Learning reform on youth crime in Queensland, Australia is studied.
- The 2006 reform increased learning and reduced earning as school participation rose postreform, while teen employment fell.
- Criminal offending fell significantly after enactment of the reform.
- For males, violent, property and drug crime all declined, while the main effect for females was a significant fall in property crime.
- The property and drug crime falls are underpinned by a significant incapacitation effect, and for the reform impacted crime categories there is some evidence of a persistent crime reduction for young men and women at later ages.
- Crime reduction is concentrated in significant falls in the likelihood of ever offending by marginal individuals, rather than from generating lower criminality among recalcitrant persistent offenders

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