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House Bill 1457

(Delegate Gutierrez, *et al.*)

Judiciary

Judicial Proceedings

Delinquency Prevention and Diversion Services Task Force

This bill establishes the Task Force on Delinquency Prevention and Diversion Services, staffed by the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS). The task force must submit a report of its recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by July 1, 2006.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2005 and terminates September 30, 2006.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditures could increase by \$42,400 in FY 2006 for one contractual employee to staff the task force and write reports. All other expenditures could be handled using existing resources. Future year expenditures reflect the task force terminating September 30, 2006. No effect on revenues.

(in dollars)	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditure	42,400	10,300	0	0	0
Net Effect	(\$42,400)	(\$10,300)	\$0	\$0	\$0

Note:() = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate effect

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The task force must: (1) study, survey, and assess the adequacy, quality, and quantity of delinquency prevention and diversion services currently being provided to juvenile offenders in the State by public and private agencies; (2) review delinquency prevention and diversion services that target the youth who are processed by DJS at intake, but not adjudicated delinquent or committed to a juvenile facility; (3) conduct hearings and gather information and suggestions from targeted juveniles, schools, DJS, and other service providers; (4) identify and document the current availability of delinquency prevention and diversion services in the State; (5) identify best practice and successful models for delinquency prevention and diversion programs in the State and in other states; (6) assess and evaluate the adequacy of current juvenile services; (7) identify the impact and consequences of gaps in juvenile services; (8) report findings and recommend delinquency and diversion services improvement; and (9) develop criteria for requests for proposals and the awarding of grants to establish juvenile delinquency prevention and diversion programs.

State Expenditures: General fund expenditures for DJS could increase by an estimated \$42,397 in fiscal 2006. This estimate reflects the cost of hiring one contractual administrative officer to staff the task force and write reports. Future year expenditures reflect a partial year's salary with a 4.6% annual increase and 6.8% employee turnover.

Additional Information

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