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Bill Number/Title: HB 814 -Department of Juvenile Services – Report on Youth Service Bureaus
Committee: Judicial Proceedings
DJS Position: Support

The Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) supports HB 814 and the requirement to submit an annual report detailing its efforts to promote pre-delinquent programs, including youth service bureaus (YSB), as it aligns with the agency's commitment to early intervention and prevention.

This report will allow for a comprehensive assessment of the effectiveness of YSB programs and activities, helping to identify best practices, address gaps, and strengthen community-based support systems. By formalizing this reporting process, DJS reinforces its dedication to proactive, data-driven strategies that prioritize the well-being and positive development of youth while reducing system involvement.

For these reasons, DJS requests a favorable report on HB 814.

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