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Senate Bill 821 (Senator Green)

Judicial Proceedings

Department of Juvenile Justice - Detention Facilities and Nonsecure Placement
Alternatives

This bill requires the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) to:

- adopt rules and regulations that set standards of conduct for all employees of DJJ and standards for detention of individuals under the supervision of DJJ;
- adopt regulations that require each facility to provide specified services and programs;
- adopt regulations that provide standards for juvenile detention facilities operated by DJJ and private agencies under contract with DJJ; and
- develop nonsecure alternatives for the placement of committed children and adopt regulations that provide standards for nonsecure alternatives.

The bill also adds as a purpose of the juvenile causes provisions to provide to children in State care and custody a safe, humane, and caring environment, and access to required services.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill would not directly impact State operations or finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The majority of the bill's provisions are not currently contained in statute.

DJJ is required to develop and provide within each facility certain educational programs, alcohol and drug abuse assessment services, and either alcohol and drug abuse referral services or treatment program.

State Fiscal Effect: The bill itself is not expected to directly affect State operations or finances. DJJ could adopt regulations and meet the bill's other requirements using existing budgeted resources. Depending on the particular regulations that are developed and other eventual effects of the bill, however, significant costs could be incurred.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 1082 (Delegate Montague, *et al.*) - Judiciary.

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