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FISCAL NOTE  
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House Bill 1088 (Delegate Montague, *et al.*)

Judiciary

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**State Juvenile Justice Disciplinary and Grievance Advisory Commission**

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This bill creates a State Juvenile Justice Disciplinary and Grievance Advisory Commission independent from the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). The commission must inform and advise the Secretary of DJJ on issues regarding the care and supervision of children under DJJ's jurisdiction. The commission must employ a full-time executive director, two administrative assistants, and three commission monitors. Salaries and expenses necessary for the work of the commission shall be as provided in the State budget.

Within the commission, there is to be an advocacy board for each area within the State that is established by DJJ for the purpose of administering intake, detention, probation, and aftercare for delinquent children. Each advocacy board shall consist of five members appointed by the commission. The advocacy boards must review quarterly reports submitted by the commission monitors to identify any patterns of abuse or other systemic failings within DJJ.

The bill also requires DJJ to adopt a specified policy for addressing disciplinary actions and grievances within facilities.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** General fund expenditures would increase by \$249,800 in FY 2001 for the State Juvenile Justice Disciplinary and Grievance Advisory Commission staff. Future year expenditures reflect annualization, salary increases, employee turnover, and inflation.

(in dollars)	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
GF Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditures	249,800	302,100	315,500	329,500	344,300
Net Effect	(\$249,800)	(\$302,100)	(\$315,500)	(\$329,500)	(\$344,300)

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

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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## Analysis

**Current Law:** There is no State Juvenile Justice Disciplinary and Grievance Advisory Commission. DJJ is not statutorily required to adopt a policy for addressing disciplinary actions and grievances.

**State Expenditures:** General fund expenditures would increase by an estimated \$249,848 in fiscal 2001, which takes into account the bill's October 1, 2000 effective date. This estimate reflects the cost of hiring an executive director, two administrative aides, and three commission monitors. It includes salaries, fringe benefits, communications, travel, supplies, one-time equipment purchases, and rental space.

Salaries and fringe benefits	\$200,068
Office equipment	25,960
Ongoing operating expenses	<u>23,820</u>
<b>Total FY 2001 State Expenditures</b>	<b>\$249,848</b>

Future year expenditures reflect (1) full salaries with 4.5% annual increases and 3% employee turnover; and (2) 1% annual increases in ongoing operating expenses.

The Governor's proposed fiscal 2001 budget does not include funding for a State Juvenile Justice Disciplinary and Grievance Advisory Commission.

Any expense reimbursements for commission and advocacy board members are expected to be minimal and absorbable within DJJ's existing budgeted resources.

DJJ could adopt the required disciplinary policy using existing budgeted resources.

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## Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (Inmate Grievance Office), Department of Juvenile Justice, Department of Legislative Services

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