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Senate Bill 390

(The President, *et al.*)
 (By Request – Administration)

Finance

Judiciary

State Government - Department of Juvenile Services

This Administration bill changes the name of the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) to the Department of Juvenile Services. The title of the Secretary of Juvenile Justice is also changed accordingly, as are the names of State boards and programs that use Juvenile Justice in their titles. The bill also adds two programs, the Lower Eastern Shore Children’s Center and the Western Maryland Children’s Center, that DJJ is authorized to establish and operate.

The bill is effective July 1, 2003.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditures would increase by an estimated \$106,000 in FY 2004 due to the DJJ name change.

(in dollars)	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditure	106,000	0	0	0	0
Net Effect	(\$106,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: The Administration has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment. (The attached assessment does not reflect amendments to the bill.)

Analysis

Current Law: The Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) is a cabinet-level State executive department. The department is authorized to establish and operate facilities that are necessary to diagnose, care for, train, educate, and rehabilitate children who need these services.

Background: The theme of the Governor's juvenile services reform efforts is "A Child First Approach." The focus of the endeavor is on "wraparound" services for children who come in contact with the system, which explains the proposed change in the department's title. Children will receive a thorough needs assessment when they enter the juvenile justice system and will be provided enhanced mental health and substance abuse treatment while they are in it. The Governor's juvenile services reform literature also suggests that MSDE assume control of the educational programs at State-operated juvenile detention centers and commitment facilities in the coming years. In addition, a move away from large juvenile facilities and towards more juveniles being treated in community-based programs is proposed.

State Expenditures: In order to accomplish the proposed department name change, DJJ advises that it would need \$106,000 to alter signs, letterhead, business cards, and the department website. This is a one-time cost, and funding is not included in the proposed fiscal 2004 State budget.

The two new detention centers that the bill authorizes DJJ to establish and operate, the Lower Eastern Shore Children's Center and the Western Maryland Children's Center, are scheduled to be opened for operation in 2003 or 2004. Funding for the centers is included in the proposed fiscal 2004 State budget, and there are no additional costs associated with granting DJJ the authority to operate the programs.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 860 (The Minority Leader, *et al.*) (By Request – Administration) – Judiciary.

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