

**Department of Legislative Services**  
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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Bill 273

(Chairman, Judiciary Committee)

(By Request – Departmental – Juvenile Services)

Judiciary

Judicial Proceedings

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**Juvenile Services - State Comprehensive Juvenile Justice 3-Year Plan**

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This departmental bill alters the time frame from calendar to fiscal year for which the State Comprehensive Juvenile Justice 3-Year Plan (3-Year Plan) is to be submitted by the Secretary of Juvenile Services to the General Assembly.

The bill takes effect on July 1, 2006.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The change is technical in nature and would not directly affect governmental finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** The Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The Secretary of Juvenile Services is required to submit an updated State Comprehensive Juvenile Justice 3-Year Plan to the General Assembly for each calendar year. This plan is due by February 1 of each year.

**Background:** The 3-Year Plan establishes DJS’s goals and objectives for the next three calendar years. DJS updates its 3-Year Plan every calendar year and submits a revised plan every three years.

The Department of Budget and Management (DBM) established a “Managing for Results” program (MFR) with State agencies effective with the 1998 session. MFR is a performance-oriented process through which agencies identify future goals and establish performance measures for their goals and objectives. As part of the budget process, each State agency submits an annual MFR Agency Strategic Plan (MFR Report) to DBM. MFR reports are submitted on a fiscal year basis and are used to support and evaluate departmental budget submissions.

Pursuant to Chapter 431 of 2004, DJS contracted with Development Services Group, Inc. (DSG) to complete a Facilities Master Plan. In Phase I of the Facilities Master Plan, DSG recommended changing the 3-Year Plan from calendar to fiscal year so that DJS’s 3-Year Plan and MFR Report could be aligned. By changing the time frame of the 3-Year Plan, the 3-Year Plan, MFR Report, and DJS budget submission would gauge DJS performance based on comparable fiscal year data.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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