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House Bill 686

(Delegate Gutierrez, *et al.*)

Judiciary

Judicial Proceedings

Delinquency Prevention and Diversion Services Task Force

This bill establishes the Task Force on Delinquency Prevention and Diversion Services, staffed by the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS). The task force must submit a report of its recommendations to the Governor, the Governor’s Office for Children, the Advisory Council for Children, the General Assembly, and the Joint Committee on Children, Youth, and Families by July 1, 2007. The bill requires the Children’s Cabinet to consider the findings and recommendations of the task force in the development of its plans and programs.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2006 and terminates September 30, 2007.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditures could increase by \$43,700 in FY 2007 for one contractual employee to staff the task force. It is assumed that travel reimbursements for task force members can be handled with existing resources. No effect on revenues.

(in dollars)	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditure	43,700	0	0	0	0
Net Effect	(\$43,700)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The task force must: (1) study, survey, and assess the adequacy, quality, and quantity of delinquency prevention and diversion services currently being provided to juvenile offenders in the State by public and private agencies; (2) review delinquency prevention and diversion services that target the youth who are processed by DJS at intake, but not adjudicated delinquent or committed to a juvenile facility; (3) conduct hearings and gather information and suggestions from targeted juveniles, schools, DJS, and other service providers; (4) identify and document the current availability of delinquency prevention and diversion services in the State; (5) identify best practice and successful models for delinquency prevention and diversion programs in the State and in other states; (6) assess and evaluate the adequacy of current juvenile services; (7) identify the impact and consequences of gaps in juvenile services; (8) report findings and recommend delinquency and diversion services improvement; and (9) develop criteria for requests for proposals and the awarding of grants to establish juvenile delinquency prevention and diversion programs.

State Expenditures: General fund expenditures for DJS could increase by an estimated \$43,673 in fiscal 2007. This estimate reflects the cost of hiring one contractual employee to staff the task force. It is assumed that travel reimbursements for the members of the task force can be handled with existing resources.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: HB 1457 of 2005, a similar bill, passed the House of Delegates, but received an unfavorable report from the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

Cross File: None.

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