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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 739
Finance

(Senator Muse)

Task Force to Study the Department of Juvenile Services

This bill establishes a Task Force to Study the Department of Juvenile Services, staffed by the Governor's Office. The task force must study and make recommendations regarding the department's budget, hiring practices, operation, and service delivery. A report with findings and recommendations is due to the Governor and the General Assembly by June 1, 2009.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2008 and terminates May 31, 2009.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Any expense reimbursements for task force members and staffing costs for the Governor's Office are assumed to be minimal and absorbable within existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The State Advisory Board for Juvenile Services consists of 19 members representing agencies of State government, child welfare, and the public. The board is required to consult with and advise the Secretary of Juvenile Services on each aspect of the State's juvenile services program, including education and diversion programs. The board must make recommendations, assist in interpreting for the public the objectives of

the department, and participate in planning the development and use of resources available to the department.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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