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Senate Bill 200

(Senator Zirkin)

Judicial Proceedings

Judiciary

Juvenile Services - Recidivism - Reporting

This bill requires the Secretary of Juvenile Services to report to the General Assembly by January 1 of each year on the recidivism rates of children committed to the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) for placement in residential care. The report must include: (1) recidivism rates for all children committed to DJS for placement in residential care; (2) recidivism rates by region for all children committed to DJS for placement in residential care; (3) recidivism rates for each residential care program; (4) data from the prior three fiscal years; and (5) recidivism rates calculated for one-year and three-year timeframes.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Given that DJS currently collects the data required under this bill, the reporting requirements can be met through existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: The post-commitment recidivism rates for DJS placements are listed below. The information is currently collected through DJS's StateStat submissions and the department's *Annual Statistical Report*.

Exhibit 1

Cohort of Youth Released	Annual Reporting Periods			
	<u>FY 2006</u>	<u>FY 2007</u>	<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>
After One Year	1,848	1,819	1,698	1,671
Re-arrest Juvenile/Adult	53%	56%	56%	56%
Re adjudication/Conviction	18%	20%	19%	19%
Re-commitment/Incarceration	13%	14%	14%	14%
After Two Years				
Re-arrest Juvenile/Adult	67%	70%	69%	
Re adjudication/Conviction	35%	37%	36%	
Re-commitment/Incarceration	28%	30%	30%	
After Three Years				
Re-arrest Juvenile/Adult	74%	76%		
Re adjudication/Conviction	45%	47%		
Re-commitment/Incarceration	39%	41%		

Source: Department of Juvenile Services, Department of Legislative Services

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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