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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 1307
Judiciary

(Delegates Valderrama and V. Turner)

Juvenile Services - Group Homes and Institutions - Notice

This bill requires the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS), before contracting with a group home or an institution operated by a nonprofit or for-profit entity for the placement of children under the jurisdiction of DJS, to send notification to the head of the law enforcement agency with primary jurisdiction over the political subdivision in which the group home or institution is located.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: DJS can handle the bill's requirements using existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: DJS may place children in group homes and institutions operated by nonprofit or for-profit entities to provide for their care, diagnosis, training, education, and rehabilitation. DJS must reimburse the entities described for the cost of the services at appropriate monthly rates that DJS determines, as provided in the State budget. A child may not be placed in a group home or other residential facility that is not operated in compliance with applicable State licensing laws.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 939 (Senator Muse) - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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