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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE
Third Reader

Senate Bill 172

(Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee)(By Request -
Departmental - Juvenile Services)

Judicial Proceedings

Judiciary

Department of Juvenile Services - Facilities - J. DeWeese Carter Center

This departmental bill repeals obsolete references, including to “the J. DeWeese Carter Center,” in statutory provisions that authorize the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) to establish and operate facilities that are necessary for specified purposes. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2022.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill does not substantively change State activities or operations.

Local Effect: None.

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

Analysis

Current Law/Background: DJS may establish and operate facilities as necessary for specified purposes, including to properly diagnose, educate, and rehabilitate children who need such services. The bill alters the relevant statute, which lists facilities by name, to accurately reflect the DJS facilities currently in operation. DJS closed the J. DeWeese Carter Center in 2020. Prior to its closure, the center operated as an all-female, hardware-secure committed program. The population formerly served at the Carter Center transferred to a staff-secure program on the campus of the Backbone Youth Center, where female youth have a dedicated building, staff, and programming, and additional access to

a variety of resources. The closure of the J. DeWeese Carter Center aligns with a gradual decline in the need for hardware-secure placements for females committed to DJS.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Department of Juvenile Services; Department of Legislative Services

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ANALYSIS OF ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES

TITLE OF BILL: Department of Juvenile Services – Facilities – J. DeWeese Carter Center

BILL NUMBER: SB 172

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PART A. ECONOMIC IMPACT RATING

This agency estimates that the proposed bill:

WILL HAVE MINIMAL OR NO ECONOMIC IMPACT ON MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESSES

OR

WILL HAVE A MEANINGFUL ECONOMIC IMPACT ON MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESSES

PART B. ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

No fiscal impact on the removal of the J. DeWeese Carter Center on the list as a secured facility operated by DJS.