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Senate Bill 652

(Senator McCray)

Judicial Proceedings

Judiciary

Department of Juvenile Services – Report on Shootings (Department of Juvenile Services Transparency Act of 2024)

This bill requires the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) to report to the Commission on Juvenile Justice Reform and Emerging and Best Practices and the General Assembly by December 1 each year on (1) the number of juveniles under DJS’s supervision in the preceding year who were nonfatally shot, shot another individual, or were victims of a homicide; (2) the actions DJS took in response and a timeline of such actions; (3) the age of each juvenile in the report; and (4) the county of residence of each juvenile in the report. The initial report submitted must include a description of any established process that DJS uses after a shooting involving supervised youth or when a youth under DJS supervision is the victim of a homicide.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: DJS can meet the bill’s requirements with existing budgeted resources. Revenues are not affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: DJS is the Executive Branch agency responsible for managing, supervising, housing, and providing programs to youth who are involved in the youth legal system. DJS is responsible for assessing the individual needs of referred youth and providing intake, detention, probation, commitment, and after-care services. The

department collaborates with youth, families, schools, community partners, law enforcement, and other public agencies to coordinate services and resources. DJS annually publishes a [Data Resource Guide](#).

Chapter 42 of 2022 required DJS to report to the General Assembly on several topics related to its procedures, operations, and programming. Chapter 42 implemented many recommendations of the Juvenile Justice Reform Council, which was established in 2019 to research best practices for the treatment of juveniles who are subject to the criminal and juvenile justice systems and make recommendations to limit or otherwise mitigate contributing risk factors.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: None.

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