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SB 73 requires the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) to report to the General Assembly by January 1st each year on the number of assessments completed by the department during the intake process involving children who commit firearm offenses.

First, DJS is committed to ensuring that community members, justice system stakeholders, and decision-makers have access to relevant juvenile justice system information and data. To that end, DJS publishes the annual Data Resource Guide (DRG) which contains in-depth information related to DJS practices, data, and outcomes. Specifically, the DRG contains data related to the number of complaints received by the Department for firearm offenses, the Department's decisions, and the outcome of the matter. Additionally, all assessments DJS utilizes can be found on the DJS website.

Lastly, DJS is required by law to complete an inquiry/assessment of the child when a complaint is received. Moreover, if the complaint alleges a firearm offense, DJS must forward the intake decision to the State's Attorney for their review.

