

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 2493 – SB 2584

March 7, 2016

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires the Department of Children's Services (DCS), in December of each year, to report annually to the Governor, the Chief Clerk of the Senate, and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives on the Department's operations and the condition of probation services in the state during the previous years. The report is to include an evaluation of the effectiveness of any juvenile court probation department or any person or agency designated by the court to provide probation services and information comparing the cost of a child participating in a program with the cost of committing the child to the Department. Requires the DCS to conduct continuing inquiries into the effectiveness of the treatment methods the Department employs in the reformation of children, including maintaining a record of arrests and commitments of its wards following their discharge from the jurisdiction of the Department.

Requires the DCS to maintain a specific accountability system for tracking funds targeted at making a positive impact on youth from funds appropriated in the general appropriations act and to implement a tracking and monitoring system so that the use of all funds appropriated can be specifically identified and reported to the Finance, Ways and Means (FWM) Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives. The DCS must submit an annual report on these funds by December 1 of each year. In addition to the annual report, the Department is to report juvenile probation population data as requested by the FWM Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives on a monthly basis for the most recent month available. The DCS is required to use the FWM Committee report population projections for probation supervision and state correctional populations when developing its legislative appropriations request for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

Prohibits the Comptroller of the Treasury from allowing the expenditure of funds appropriated by the general appropriations act for implementation of this Act, if the DCS certifies to the Comptroller that the Department is not in compliance with any provisions of this Act.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures -- \$4,600/One-Time
\$161,700/Recurring

Increase Federal Expenditures -- \$2,600/One-Time
\$88,900/Recurring

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SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (013404): Deletes all language of the original bill. Requires the Commissioner of Children’s Services, by January 31 of each year for the previous fiscal year, to report to the Governor, the Chief Clerk of the Senate, and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives on probation and juvenile justice evidence-based treatment services. The report is to contain probation information, custodial information, recidivism and system penetration information, and evidence-based services information.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption for the bill as amended:

- Based on information provided by the Department of Children’s Services, any cost related to generating the required report can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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