



March 16, 2020

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Changes the annual date, from March 1 to February 1, by which the Department of Children's Services (DCS) must appear before the appropriate legislative committees for a review of policies, protocol, and procedures.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (017168): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Authorizes a child found to be delinquent to be placed into probation for an indefinite period as long as such probation is in the best interest of the child. Removes the requirement that a court review the case of each delinquent child placed under the custody of the DCS at least every six months; allowing such child to stay in the custody of the DCS for a period of time until the necessary treatment or services have been completed.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Currently, delinquent children may be placed on probation under the supervision of the probation officer of the court or the DCS, any person, or persons or agencies designated by the court, or the court of another, under conditions and limitations prescribed by the court in consultation with the supervising authority and consistent with a validated risk and needs assessment, which may include completion of substance abuse and mental health treatment services where appropriate.
- Currently, a child may be placed into probation or in custody of DCS for a maximum period of 6 months; however, prior to the expiration of the 6 month period, or any extension period thereafter, and after notice and hearing, the court may extend probation for additional periods not to exceed 6 months each, if the court finds and issues a written order that:
 - Placing the child into probation is in the best interest of the child; and

- The condition or conditions that shall remain in effect and why that continued effectiveness is in the best interest of the child.
- This legislation is not expected to result in an increase in the time a delinquent child remains in the custody of the Department.
- This legislation will have no significant impact upon the number of cases heard by juvenile courts.
- Any impact on the court system is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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