

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Without Recommendation as to Passage, but with Amendments and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Rules and then Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference

Vote: 5 - 4 - 0

Yeas: Fagan, Gomberg, Gorsek, Reardon, Gelser

Nays: Huffman, Parrish, Sprenger, Whisnant

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 2/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs Youth Development Council to allocate funds available to support community-based prevention and intervention programs and services based on indicators of need for youth ages 6 through 20 years old. Requires allocation to take place by public process and be reviewed biennially. Allocation process becomes operative July 1, 2015. Creates Juvenile Crime Prevention Funding Committee (Committee) to make findings regarding funding issues, recommend changes to policies and practices adopted by Youth Development Council, and report to Legislative Assembly on or before January 1, 2015. Committee sunsets June 30, 2015.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Goal of measure continuing change that began with reorganization under House Bill 3231 (2013)
- Need for change, continuing improvement that moves through “a cross-section of service silos,” including content areas such as education, health, human services, and juvenile crime prevention
- Removal of population-based direct funding to counties
- Establishment of two year grant process; process to begin in 2015 under amended bill
- Potential for measure to springboard increased funding at a later date
- Overrepresentation of traditionally underserved populations in program target group
- Concern that effective programs will be damaged or destroyed under new funding process
- Concern that new process will disproportionately affect small, rural counties in a negative way
- Specific discussion of amendment not adopted by Committee, relating to four counties where elected county judge has juvenile jurisdiction
- Level of investment contributed by Counties for current programs; Counties have “skin in the game”

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Removes “community,” restores “County” language in some portions of the measure, in line with existing in law. Creates the Juvenile Crime Prevention Funding Committee.

BACKGROUND: Current law mandates partnership programs targeted at county-based high-risk juvenile prevention plans. The measure expands that program by mandating inclusion of tribal governments and expanding the scope of the program to community-based prevention and intervention programs for high-risk youth. It also expands the scope of potential partners for partnership programs. Many of these programs were brought under the purview of the Department of Education as a result of House Bill 3231 (2013).

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