

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **SB 344**

#### **Relating to criminal justice**

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee  
From: Public Safety Subcommittee  
Carrier: Representative Evans

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SB 344 extends the Justice Reinvestment Initiative Grant program, administered by the Criminal Justice Commission, through July 1, 2033. Under current law, this program sunsets July 1, 2024.

The Criminal Justice Commission's budget bill, SB 5505, includes funding for the continuation of this program. Absent the extension of the sunset, it is expected that the increased costs to the public safety system would include higher prosecution, public defense and court costs and increases in the prison population, as the Office of Economic Analysis prison population forecast assumes the sunset will be extended.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends SB 344 be reported out do pass.