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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 140** HLS 26RS 726

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Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: Public Defender		
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JUVENILE PROCEDURE

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Provides relative to the time limitations governing juvenile delinquency proceedings

Current law provides for alternatives to detention programs; provides for the applicability of time periods; provides for time limitations for filing of delinquency petitions and commencement of adjudication hearings for children both within and not within continued custody charged with a crime of violence; provides for a child's release from continued custody for hearings that do not commence; permits the court to extend time limitations for good cause. Proposed law adds notice to the DA in the jurisdiction where any court order for the child to be taken into custody was issued that the child has been taken into custody; removes provisions relative to continued participation in alternative detention programs after adjudication; increases time in which delinquency petition shall be filed from within 48 hours to within 5 days of a continued custody hearing if the child is in custody pre-adjudication; increases time in which an adjudication hearing commences for a child in continued custody and charged with a crime of violence from within 60 to within 120 days of the appearance to answer the petition; increases time in which an adjudication hearing commences for a child not in continued custody from 90 days to 180 days of the appearance to answer the petition; requires the court, upon expiration of applicable time limitations and upon the children's written motion to dismiss with certification of notice to the DA, to commence hearing with the DA where the court is required to dismiss if good cause for delay is not shown; provides for interruption and suspension of time limitations and dismissals of petitions due to expiring time limitations; provides that for a child not in continued custody pre-adjudication, petitions for a misdemeanor-grade act shall be filed within 15 days, and for a felony-grade act, within 30 days.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	

Annual Total

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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in Local Funds expenditures to Local governing authorities, to the extent that the time in which an adjudication hearing commences for a child in continued custody and charged with a crime of violence is increased from within 60 days to within 120 days of the appearance to answer the petition. The proposed law has the effect of potentially increasing the amount of time in which a child in continued custody will be held in a local facility pre-adjudication. The exact fiscal impact to Local governing authorities is indeterminable, as the expenditures incurred are variable, and it is unknown the amount of time that those in continued custody will be held in each instance, pre-adjudication.

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in workload in district public defenders, to the extent that pre-adjudication time periods are extended in juvenile delinquency proceedings. The proposed law has the effect of extending the amount of time that cases are processed through the juvenile justice system and increase the length of time a case is active. To the extent lengthening the pre-adjudication period makes the caseload more manageable for line public defenders, there may be no impact in expenditures. However, if lengthening the pre-adjudication period leads to more active cases at one time or an increase in the number of motions filed, then workload may increase accordingly. The exact fiscal impact is indeterminable and is dependent on how these adjustments impact workload within offices of district public defenders.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}

6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}

13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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