
DIGEST

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Barrow

HB No. 982

Abstract: Provides relative to the standards, licensing, and disclosure requirements of juvenile detention facilities.

Present law provides relative to the licensing standards of juvenile detention facilities and requires all juvenile detention facilities to be licensed pursuant to the provisions of present law by Jan. 1, 2013.

Proposed law provides for the following:

- (1) The assessment of an annual licensing fee for all detention facilities.
- (2) Penalties for the operation of a juvenile detention facility without a valid license.
- (3) Authorizes DCFS to seek injunctive relief in addition to the penalties imposed by proposed law.
- (4) Directs the department to adopt rules to provide factors for the assessment of fines, to provide notice to the facility of any violation, and to provide for a process to appeal any department decision relative to a facility violation.
- (5) Creates the "Juvenile Detention Licensing Fund" where all civil fines collected pursuant to the provisions of proposed law shall be deposited and shall be used for specific purposes outlined in present law.
- (6) Requires any owner, operator, current or prospective employee, or volunteer of a juvenile detention facility to report whether or not his name is currently recorded on the state central registry for a justified finding of abuse or neglect.

Effective Jan. 1, 2013.

(Adds R.S. 15:1110(F), 1110.1, and 1110.2)