

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

House Bill No. 982 by Representative Barrow

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

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Changes the effective date from January 1, 2013, to July 1, 2013.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

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) Authorizes DCFS to issue a written warning that includes a corrective action plan to any facility which operations in violation of present law and provides that the failure to implement such corrective action plan may result in the assessment of a civil fine not to exceed \$250 per day, license revocation, or both; the aggregate of such civil fines shall not exceed \$2,000 for any consecutive 12-month period.
- (5) Directs the department to adopt rules to provide factors for determining the type of sanctions imposed, to provide notice to the facility of any violation, and to provide for an appeal procedure including judicial review.
- (6) 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 the education and training of employees, staff, or other personnel of juvenile detention facilities.
- (7) 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 July 1, 2013.

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