
**Early Learning & Human Services
Committee**

SB 6157

Brief Description: Requiring juvenile detention intake standards for juveniles who are developmentally disabled.

Sponsors: Senators Delvin, Hargrove, Stevens, Benton, Ericksen and Parlette.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Requires county juvenile detention facilities, by December 31, 2012, to develop and implement detention and intake standards to determine whether a juvenile is developmentally disabled and whether detention is warranted for that juvenile.

Hearing Date: 2/16/12

Staff: Linda Merelle (786-7092).

Background:

A county juvenile detention facility is a facility for the physical confinement of a juvenile alleged to have committed an offense or a juvenile who has been adjudicated for a criminal offense and is subject to a disposition or modification order in juvenile court. Juvenile detention facilities may also include group homes, inpatient substance abuse programs, and juvenile basic training camps. Juvenile detention facilities have intake and risk assessment standards in place to determine whether detention is warranted.

In 2011 a workgroup convened by the Developmental Disabilities Counsel and Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration met to study practices and policies relating to the confinement of youth with developmental disabilities within juvenile detention facilities.

Summary of Bill:

This analysis was prepared by non-partisan legislative staff for the use of legislative members in their deliberations. This analysis is not a part of the legislation nor does it constitute a statement of legislative intent.

The county juvenile detention facilities must, by December 31, 2012, develop and implement detention and intake standards to determine whether a juvenile is developmentally disabled and whether detention is warranted for that juvenile.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.