

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



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

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Time Limitations Governing Juvenile Delinquency Proceedings	

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 that an alternative to a detention program is considered a form of detention and the applicability of time periods set forth in current law; provides for time limitations for filing of delinquency petitions and for when adjudication hearings shall commence for children both within continued custody charged with a crime of violence and those not within continued custody; provides for child's release from continued custody for hearings that do not commence; permits the court to extend time limitations for good cause. Proposed law removes provisions of current law 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 five days of a continued custody hearing if the child is in custody prior to adjudication; increases time in which an adjudication hearing shall commence for a child charged with a crime of violence and in continued custody from 60 days to 120 days of the appearance to answer the petition; increases time in which an adjudication hearing shall commence for a child not in continued custody from 90 days to 180 days of the appearance to answer the petition; provides that hearings have to be commenced within time limitations provided within current law; provides for interruption and suspension of time limitations and dismissals of petitions due to expiring time limitations.

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					

Annual Total

REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

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 proceeds. 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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