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JUVENILES EN SEE FISC NOTE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 2 PROVIDES WITH RESPECT TO REFORM OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

The proposed legislation, which will be known as the "Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2003", provides that by December 31, 2004 Swanson Correctional Center for Youth-Madison Parish Unit (SCCY-MPU) at Tallulah, Louisiana no longer be used as a juvenile facility. Proposed law requires the department to develop a plan, which shall be submitted on or before August 1, 2003, to include a specific date after which youths committed to the department shall no longer be assigned to SCCY-MPU, recommendations for use of monies used for the operation of SCCY-MPU, and may include recommendations for alternative use of the facility. Proposed law creates the Juvenile Justice Reform Act Implementation Commission composed of five members, which shall address the issue of the creation of a single state entity for providing services to children and their families and the closure of SCCY-MPU as a facility for juveniles. The commission, which shall be placed within the office of the governor, shall provide their findings to the legislature and the governor and adopt a plan no later than March 1, 2004 for consideration during the 2004 Regular Session of the Legislature. SEE PAGE

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Table with financial data: EXPENDITURES (2003-04 to 2007-08, 5 YEAR TOTAL) and REVENUES (2003-04 to 2007-08, 5 YEAR TOTAL)

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION:

The fiscal impact of this legislation is indeterminable due to the numerous topics addressed within the components of the bill that may either increase or decrease state costs. The ultimate net impact of these various issues cannot be reasonably estimated at this time. Factors that need to be considered when determining the fiscal impact of this legislation are as follows:

1) The Juvenile Justice Reform Act Implementation Commission shall address the issue of the creation of a single state entity for providing services to children and their families and the closure of SCCY-MPU as a facility for juveniles. The commission shall provide their findings to the legislature and the governor and develop a plan no later than March 1, 2004 for consideration during the 2004 Regular Session of the Legislature. The commission may enter into any contract for the purpose of facilitating any studies, reviews, or analysis useful to it and for requesting, utilizing, and obtaining advice from any and all public sources and from any and all private sources. If it is determined state general fund will be needed, funds would have to be appropriated for the purpose of the commission.

2) The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall formulate, develop, and recommend a model master plan for improving behavior and discipline within schools. According to the Department of Education, it will cost approximately \$215,000 for FY 2003-04 and \$115,000 in future fiscal years to formulate and develop a master plan for behavior in schools. Initial one-time costs will be \$125,000 for the development, data collection, and reporting for the Education Data Warehouse and \$25,000 thereafter for ongoing maintenance. Out of this funding, \$90,000 will provide for salary, benefits, travel, training materials and supplies.

3) The proposed legislation provides that by December 31, 2004 SCCY-MPU no longer be used as a juvenile facility. The department shall develop a comprehensive plan, which shall be submitted on or before August 1, 2003, to include a specific date after which youths committed to the department shall no longer be assigned to SCCY-MPU, recommendations for use of monies used for the operation of SCCY-MPU, and may include recommendations for alternative uses of the facility. To the extent the department could place these juveniles in "contract type" services instead of other juvenile institutions, the cost for juvenile care could decrease. However, additional funding might be needed to create more community programs.

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REVENUE EXPLANATION:

The proposed legislation establishes a fund, the Louisiana Children, Youth, and Families Investment Fund in the state Treasury that shall be administered financially by the Division of Administration and the Cabinet. The fund shall be comprised of monies from the savings from the reduction of youth in secure facilities. the receipt of funds from private foundations and trusts. (PG. 2)

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CONTINUED EXPLANATION (continued from page one) :

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CONTINUED PURPOSE OF BILL:

The proposed legislation creates a placement review process within the Department of Corrections to assess the needs of the juvenile, evaluate the risk of danger posed by juveniles, and the community resources needed in order to make a decision as to whether a juvenile can be transferred to a less restrictive setting.

CONTINUED EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION:

4) The proposed legislation creates two new entities, the Children's Cabinet Research Council and the Louisiana Juvenile Justice Planning and Coordination Board. The costs of the new entities are never addressed in the bill, except that all members serve without additional compensation or travel reimbursements.

CONTINUED REVENUE EXPLANATION:

the savings from restructuring executive branch departments, the matching funds provided by regional, local governmental, and private service providers, and the funding from specific legislative appropriations. The amount of monies that the above sources would generate is indeterminable by the Legislative Fiscal Office at this time.

Dual Referral Rules

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