



Senate

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 338

Senate, April 2, 2002

The Committee on Human Services reported through SEN. HANDLEY of the 4th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE JUVENILE TRAINING FACILITY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17a-27e of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2002*):

3 (a) The Department of Children and Families in the maintenance,
4 pursuant to section 17a-3, of the new Connecticut Juvenile Training
5 School shall use the Manual of Standards for Juvenile Training Schools
6 published by the American Correctional Association in order to
7 improve safety for staff and residents of the Connecticut Juvenile
8 Training School and to allow the Connecticut Juvenile Training School
9 to be able to be accredited by the American Correctional Association.

10 (b) The Department of Children and Families shall establish
11 separate tracks for different categories of offenders such as violent and
12 nonviolent offenders. The department may provide small group
13 homes for the placement of nonviolent offenders.

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Fund-Type	Agency Affected	FY 03 \$	FY 04 \$
General Fund - Cost	Department of Children and Families	See Below	See Below

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

An indeterminate fiscal impact will result from mandating separate tracks for different categories of offenders under the care of the Department of Children and Families (DCF). Due to the lack of specificity with regard to the terms “separate track” and “different categories” it is unclear whether current agency practices are or are not sufficient to meet this requirement. A significant indeterminate cost will be incurred by the agency if the bill is interpreted to require changes in services provided within Long Lane School, the Connecticut Juvenile Training School and/or community settings which are incompatible with current staffing and resource levels.

The bill also provides discretionary authority to DCF to provide small group homes for the placement of nonviolent offenders. As no additional funding has been included within sHB 5019 (the Revised FY 03 Appropriations Act, as favorably reported by the Appropriations Committee) to expand group home capacity in the state, it is anticipated that no fiscal impact will result. The department currently licenses seventeen group homes which have a combined licensed bed capacity of 164.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

This bill requires the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to create separate tracks, such as violent and nonviolent tracks, for offenders the Juvenile Court commits to it. It permits DCF to provide small group home placements for nonviolent offenders.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2002

COMMITTEE ACTION

Select Committee on Children

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference

Yea 11 Nay 0

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 18 Nay 0