



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 757**

January Session, 2009

Senate Bill No. 674

*Senate, April 21, 2009*

The Committee on Judiciary reported through SEN. MCDONALD of the 27th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING LOCAL EXPENDITURES RELATED TO THE CHANGE IN THE AGE OF JUVENILE COURT JURISDICTION.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Prior to January 1, 2012,  
2 notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 815t of the general statutes,  
3 as amended by sections 73 to 82, inclusive, and section 85 of public act  
4 07-4 of the June special session, a municipality shall not be required to  
5 comply with any provision, or portion thereof, concerning the age of  
6 children and youths in the juvenile justice system and the detention  
7 and placement of such children and youths to the extent that  
8 compliance with such provision, or portion thereof, would require  
9 capital expenditures of the municipality, provided such municipality  
10 shall comply with any other provision, or portion thereof, that does  
11 not require capital expenditures of the municipality.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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| Section 1 | <i>from passage</i> | New section |
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**JUD**      *Joint Favorable*

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:**

| <b>Municipalities</b>                | <b>Effect</b> | <b>FY 10 \$</b> | <b>FY 11 \$</b> |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Various Municipal Police Departments | See Below     | See Below       | See Below       |

**Explanation**

The bill suspends, until January 1, 2012, the date by which municipalities must implement portions of "raise the age" legislation that would require capital expenditures. It is uncertain how municipal police departments could delay such implementation without complying with current statute.

According to the 2005 Uniform Crime Report published by the Department of Public Safety, there were 11,671 arrests of individuals age 15 and younger and 12,026 arrests of 16- and 17-year-old individuals, representing a 102% increase in the number of arrests that must be treated as juvenile. Of the 92 municipal police departments throughout the state, it is not known how many would be required to renovate facilities to accommodate this increase in juvenile arrests<sup>1</sup>. To the extent that capital expenditures would be required to accommodate such confinement, however, there is a cost to such municipal law enforcement agency.

**The Out Years**

The impact of the bill is limited to FY 10 and FY 11 only.

<sup>1</sup> Under CGS 46b-133, police are prohibited from confining a juvenile in any place where adults are or may be confined.

Sources: *Connecticut Department of Public Safety 2005 Uniform Crime Report*

**OLR Bill Analysis****SB 674*****AN ACT CONCERNING LOCAL EXPENDITURES RELATED TO THE CHANGE IN THE AGE OF JUVENILE COURT JURISDICTION.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill suspends until January 1, 2012 towns' compliance with portions of the "raise the age" legislation that would require capital expenditures. The "raise the age" legislation incrementally raises juvenile court jurisdiction from age 15 to age 17.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**BACKGROUND*****Raise the Age Legislation******Related Bill***

sHB 6575 incrementally raises the age for juvenile court jurisdiction from age 15 to age 17. The phase-in will be complete on January 1, 2012.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 38      Nay 4      (04/03/2009)