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BILL NUMBER: HB 5117

FISCAL NOTE (Form 4)
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TITLE: "AN ACT CONCERNING REVIEW AND DURATION OF DELINQUENCY COMMITMENTS"

FAVORABLY REPORTED BY Human Services, Judiciary, Appropriations

SUMMARY: This bill amends current statute by reducing from 2 years to 18 months the maximum allowed duration of commitment for adjudicated delinquents. It further requires a judicial review of each adjudicated delinquent at least every 18 months.

Youth committed as delinquent under Section 46b-141 of the General Statutes and placed in community-based facilities as defined by Section 475(5)(A) of Public Law 96-272 are considered to be in foster care and must receive federal Section 427 protections, including a dispositional hearing no later than 18 months after the original placement. Currently in Connecticut children are committed delinquent for a duration of 2-4 years. This implies that Connecticut is out of compliance with federal law, jeopardizing federal Section 427 funds coming into the agency and making the State ineligible to claim reimbursement for delinquent youth in community placement under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon Passage
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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER HB 5117

STATE IMPACT Implements a Provision in the Budget, Revenue Gain, see below
MUNICIPAL IMPACT None
STATE AGENCY(S) Department of Children and Youth Services, Judicial Department

	Current FY	1992-93	1993-94
State Cost (savings)	:	:519,999	:
St Revenue (loss)	:	:2,838,581	:
Net St Cost (savings)	:	:	:
Municipal Impact	:	:	:

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

Funding, in the amount of \$519,999, has been included within SHB 5100 (the Appropriations Act, as favorably reported from the Appropriations Committee) for fiscal year 1992-93 to reflect provisions of the bill. Included in this sum is \$419,999 to reflect the costs of thirteen new positions, associated other expenses and equipment, to bring parole services at Long Lane School into compliance with federal law, and thus make Connecticut eligible to claim reimbursement under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act (reimbursement for youth in community placement). Additionally, funding, in the amount of \$100,000, has been included under the Judicial Department to support three positions and associated other expenses to compensate for an increased judicial review workload.

Meeting federal requirements will enable the state to claim an estimated additional \$2,838,581 annually in federal reimbursement. The Department of Children and Youth Services estimates that 70% of delinquent youth placed in community facilities (250 youth annually) are Title IV-E eligible.