

EXECUTIVE AGENCY
FISCAL NOTE

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: March 25, 2017

Agency Submitting: Department of Health and Human Services, Child and Family Services

Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both	Fiscal Year 2016-17	Fiscal Year 2017-18	Fiscal Year 2018-19	Effect on Future Biennia
Total	0	0	0	0

Explanation

(Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

The fiscal impact to the Division cannot be determined because it is unclear how many more youth may be committed to the State-Custody Juvenile System rather than served by the criminal justice system. The potential impact to DCFS programs in this BDR include:

- (1) Shifting cases from automatic certification to discretionary will require more staff time by the Youth Parole Bureau and JJ Deputy. Given the factors required to be analyzed by the court, DCFS will likely be expected to review case files, prepare for testimony and present in court about the Division's ability to handle each case. It is estimated that there are approximately 30 direct certification cases each year statewide.
- (2) There could be an increase in the need for DCFS JJ Corrections beds if the discretionary nature increases youth staying in Juvenile Justice System. Those not transferred to the adult system would more than likely be committed to DCFS for correctional care.
- (3) The effects of this bill would lead to necessary changes in programming and placement decisions in order to best program for youth who have committed far more serious offenses than we currently program and we want to avoid mixing these sophisticated juveniles with our less sophisticated current population. This may be especially true as many of these currently automatically certified youth have already experience the juvenile justice system and its interventions.

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF FINANCE COMMENTS

The agency's response appears reasonable.

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