

Department of Planning and Budget 2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB1000

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Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron McDonnell

3. Committee Courts of Justice

4. Title Detention homes.

5. Summary/Purpose: The bill amends the second enactment of Chapter 978 of the 2000 Act of Assembly to require the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) to establish risk assessment standards for Court Service Unit personnel to use when making recommendations to the court regarding secured detention of juveniles prior to trial. The bill requires the Department to implement the standards by August 1, 2002.

6. No Fiscal Impact

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: None

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Juvenile Justice Court Service Units, Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Courts of the Supreme Court, and localities or commissions that operate secured detention homes.

10. Technical amendment necessary: Yes Paragraph 2, after establish, delete remaining lines and substitute "a risk assessment instrument for use when making a detention decision pursuant to Section 16.1 -248 and when making recommendations to the court at a detention hearing as defined in Section 16.1 -250. The risk assessment instrument and related procedures shall be implemented and distributed to court service units no later than October 1, 2002."

11. Other comments: DJJ has been developing a risk assessment tool for use in making decisions and recommendations concerning the placement of eligible juveniles in secured detention. It is anticipated that the actual instrument will be finalized by the Spring of 2002. A number of issues have been identified concerning the actual implementation of this tool on a statewide basis. A primary concern is the insufficient availability (in some jurisdictions) of non-secured detention alternatives that provide more supervision than simply releasing the child to his/her parents or guardians. The risk assessment tool being developed requires such an alternative to be properly implemented. The suggested technical amendment addresses changes to the language to distinguish between this instrument and Board approved standards, addressing all points in the detention process, and delaying the implementation date.

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