

## Department of Planning and Budget 2021 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB2017H1

**House of Origin**    ☐ Introduced    ☒ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed

**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Mullin

**3. Committee:** House Committee on Courts of Justice

**4. Title:** Youth court programs

**5. Summary:** The substitute bill provides that when informal action is taken on a complaint alleging that a child has committed a delinquent act other than an act that would be a felony or a Class 1 misdemeanor if committed by an adult and with the consent of the juvenile's parent or legal guardian, the intake officer may refer the juvenile to a youth justice diversion program.

The bill also provides if a juvenile is referred to a youth justice diversion program, and the program reports the juvenile failed to comply with the youth justice program's sentence within 180 days of the sentencing date, a petition may be filed with the court.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 424

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary (see Line #8)

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The substitute bill requires the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) to develop a statewide evaluation model and conduct ongoing evaluations of the effectiveness and efficiency of all local youth justice diversion programs. DJJ is required to file a report of these evaluations to the General Assembly by December 1 of each year.

According to DJJ, the agency will need a Policy and Planning Specialist and Program Administration Specialist to develop the evaluation criteria, train and provide guidance and coordination with the localities, and collect and analyze the data. The total estimated cost for the 2 positions is \$216,760.

It is possible the bill may have an impact on Court Service Units. However, that impact cannot be quantified at this time.

According to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court (OES), the proposed bill is not expected to have a material fiscal impact on court system operations.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Courts, Department of Juvenile Justice, and court service units

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None