

I strongly support HB 3265. I have represented youth in other states who have successfully completed their rehabilitative juvenile detention following acts of juvenile delinquency and then they are picked up from their state juvenile detention centers by ICE and imprisoned by ICE in juvenile county jails with zero outside space for YEARS until they turn 18 and are then transferred to adult ICE detention for years. If laws such as this one were in place in those places, those youth would have gone home to their families rather than been imprisoned by ICE for YEARS based on the fact that committed acts of juvenile delinquency. I also think that there needs to be a mechanism to enforce this law -- a consequence for if/when it is not followed.