

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 2320 Relating to Juvenile Justice

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Public Safety Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Lewis

HB 2320 establishes the Juvenile Justice Policy Commission within the Criminal Justice Commission. The Policy Commission consists of 17 members and is directed to evaluate the juvenile justice system at state and local levels. The Policy Commission is required to meet at least four times per year and requires the Criminal Justice Commission to provide staff to support the Policy Commission. The measure allows for all voting members to be reimbursed for travel and other necessary expenses.

The Juvenile Justice Policy Commission is to report to the Legislative Assembly by September 1 of each even-numbered year starting in 2024. The measure is effective January 1, 2024.

The -A2 amendment provides a one-time \$397,532 General Fund appropriation to the Criminal Justice Commission for two limited-duration positions (1.50 FTE) and associated costs for the 2023-25 biennium. These positions include one Program Analyst 4 to oversee administration of the Policy Commission, and one Research Analyst 4 to perform juvenile justice research.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends HB 2320 be amended by the –A2 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.