

HB 2320 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 03/30/23

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 10-0-0-0

Yeas: 10 - Andersen, Bynum, Chaichi, Conrad, Kropf, Lewis, Morgan, Reynolds, Tran, Wallan

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

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Meeting Dates: 1/31, 3/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes Juvenile Justice Policy Commission and specifies membership. Requires Juvenile Justice Policy Commission to conduct policy analysis of the juvenile justice system holistically and to make recommendations to Legislative Assembly. Appropriates money to the Criminal Justice Commission for research, policy consultation and support of commission and provides that funding may be expended by the Council for State Governments. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Bringing together diverse perspectives
- Formal structure to facilitate conversations
- Accountability of policy makers and service providers

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Changes name of Juvenile Justice Advisory Commission to Juvenile Justice Policy Commission. Revises membership of commission and duties of commission. Appropriates money to the Criminal Justice Commission for research, policy consultation and support of commission and provides that funding may be expended by the Council for State Governments.

BACKGROUND:

There are many state agencies, statewide groups and commissions whose work involves the juvenile justice system. However, there is currently no statewide policy development forum for the juvenile justice system as a whole.

House Bill 2320 A establishes a Juvenile Justice Policy Commission to analyze the juvenile justice system and provide the legislature with data-driven policy recommendations intended to improve public safety, youth outcomes and system disparities.