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**FISCAL NOTE**

**Drafting Number:** LLS 18-0040  
**Prime Sponsors:** Rep. Lee; Wilson

**Date:** January 22, 2018  
**Bill Status:** House Judiciary  
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**Bill Topic:** DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES REPORT DATA & ADD MEMBERS TO WORKING GROUP

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure ( <i>minimal</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

This bill requires the Department of Human Services to report on recidivism rates and educational outcomes to the General Assembly and adds two members to the Youth Restraint and Seclusion Working Group. This bill increases workload for several state agencies on an ongoing basis.

**Appropriation Summary:** No appropriation required.

**Fiscal Note Status:** This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

**Summary of Legislation**

This bill requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to calculate recidivism rates and educational outcomes for juveniles committed to their custody and to report the findings to the General Assembly by July 1st each year, starting in 2018. The report must include demographic characteristics of the population considered in the report. The bill also adds two members to the Youth Restraint and Seclusion Working Group. The members include the child protection ombudsman or his or her designee, and a parent of a person who was once committed to the DHS.

**Background**

In 2017, the General Assembly passed Senate Bill 17-234 as part of a package of bills from the Statutory Revision Committee concerning agency reports to the General Assembly. Senate Bill 17-234 repealed the requirement that the DHS report on juvenile facility recidivism.

**State Expenditures**

This bill increases workload for the DHS, the Judicial Department, and the Office of the Child Protection Ombudsman. These impacts are discussed below.

**Department of Human Services.** The DHS will have an increase in workload to calculate and report recidivism rates and educational outcomes for juveniles committed to their custody. This workload can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

**Judicial Department.** The Judicial Department will experience a workload increase to provide data to the state auditor for an audit on the reports of recidivism rates and educational outcomes for youths committed to the Division of Youth Services within the DHS. This workload increase can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

**The Office of the Child Protection Ombudsman.** The Office of the Child Protection Ombudsman, housed in the Judicial Department, will have an increase in workload to sit on the Youth Restraint and Seclusion Working Group. In 2017, the working group met four times. This workload increase can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

**Effective Date**

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

Child Protection Ombudsman  
Human Services

Judicial  
Information Technology

Public Defender  
State Auditor