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Bill Topic: NEED FOR JUVENILE RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

- State Revenue, State Expenditure, State Transfer, TABOR Refund, Local Government, Statutory Public Entity

This bill requires the School Safety Resource Center in the Department of Public Safety to convene a working group to study the issue of the state need for residential treatment beds for children and youth. The bill will increase state expenditures in FY 2020-21 only.

Appropriation Summary:

This bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$75,000 to the Department of Public Safety.

Fiscal Note Status:

This fiscal note reflects the bill draft requested by the School Safety Committee.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under Bill 4

Table with 3 columns: Category, FY 2020-21, FY 2021-22. Rows include Revenue, Expenditure (General Fund), Transfer, and TABOR Refund.

Summary of Legislation

This bill requires the School Safety Resource Center in the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to convene a working group of stakeholders to study the issue of the availability of residential mental health treatment for children and youth. The working group must include representatives from the Department of Education, local school districts, the Department of Human Services, county departments of human or social services, medical providers, and residential treatment providers. The working group must address the issues of:

- the number of children and youth for whom the state provided residential treatment;
- the number of children and youth who were in need of residential treatment;
- the costs associated with providing additional residential treatment beds;
- the options available to assist schools in handling children and youth who are in need of services; and
- developing a plan for identifying, securing, and making fully operational additional residential treatment beds.

The School Safety Resource Center must present a report to the General Assembly in January 2021 during the DPS' SMART Act presentation.

State Expenditures

In FY 2020-21, expenditures in the DPS will increase by \$75,000 to hire a consultant to lead the working group, engage stakeholders, and compile data and research. This is based on the assumed consultant rate of \$12,500 per month for 6 months. In addition, workload to the Departments of Education and Human Services will increase in FY 2020-21 to participate in the working group. It is assumed that this increase in workload is absorbable within existing appropriations.

Local Government

Similar to the state, in FY 2020-21, county departments of human or social services and school districts who participate in the working group will have a workload increase.

Effective Date

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

State Appropriations

For FY 2020-21, this bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$75,000 to the Department of Public Safety.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties
Information Technology

Education
Public Safety

Human Services
School Districts

