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NO FISCAL IMPACT

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TITLE: CONCERNING JUVENILE PAROLE, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, THE CODIFICATION OF AND IMPROVEMENT UPON CURRENT DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES PRACTICES RELATING TO JUVENILE PAROLE.

Summary of Legislation

This bill eliminates reference to the Division of Juvenile Parole in the Department of Human Services and authorizes the Division of Youth Corrections (DYC) to manage all juvenile parole services. The DYC is required to use objective risk assessment in identifying appropriate treatment services for a juvenile during his commitment and parole period. The bill also clarifies the Juvenile Parole Board's authority to discharge a juvenile from parole. Finally, the bill clarifies that the DYC shall not retain jurisdiction over a juvenile who turns 21, and that the sentence to commitment and parole period is discharged when a juvenile turns 21. The bill becomes effective on July 1, 2008.

Assessment

This bill aligns juvenile parole statutes with current practice. Currently, the DYC manages juvenile parole services with a \$3.3 million line item appropriation in the Long Bill. In addition, the DYC is currently employing a version of the Washington State Juvenile Court Assessment instrument, adapted to Colorado, to inform the Juvenile Parole Board when considering parole decisions. Thus, the requirement of the use of objective risk assessment to identify appropriate treatment services does not change standard practices of the DYC. In addition, the bill's specifications regarding the board's discretion to discharge parole only applies to the portion of the parole that is already discretionary. Finally, the bill's clarification that DYC's jurisdiction ends when a juvenile reaches age 21 conforms to existing provisions regarding aggravated juvenile offenders. Thus, the bill does not affect state or local revenue or expenditures and is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Departments Contacted

Correction

Human Services