



**STATE
FISCAL IMPACT**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Levy; Navarro Sen. Giron; Harvey	Bill Status: House Judiciary
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TITLE: CONCERNING CREATION OF AN INTERIM COMMITTEE TO STUDY LEGAL DEFENSE IN JUVENILE JUSTICE PROCEEDINGS.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2013-2014	FY 2014-2015
State Revenue		
State Expenditures		
General Fund	\$29,255	
FTE Position Change	0.4 FTE	
Effective Date: Upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2013-2014: None required. Resolutions of the General Assembly may not contain appropriations, as the state constitution prohibits the disbursement of state money except by law.		
Local Government Impact: None.		

Summary of Legislation

This joint resolution creates a 2013 interim committee to study the role of legal defense counsel in the juvenile justice system. The committee is charged with studying issues concerning juvenile justice, including:

- current law;
- comparing the role of defense counsel with the role of a guardian ad litem;
- the scope of rights to counsel, including indigency determinations for court-appointed counsel;
- methods for improving professionalism in the practice of juvenile defense;
- the impact of inadequate access to counsel on minority, immigrant, disabled and mentally-ill children; and
- public access to juvenile delinquency records.

The committee shall meet between four and six times in the 2013 interim beginning July 2013. The committee shall consist of six legislative members, three from each house, appointed by May 31, 2013. Additionally, the committee may have up to 10 nonvoting, unpaid members who have experience in juvenile proceedings. The joint resolution provides for the appointment of such additional members from certain constituencies with knowledge and experience in juvenile justice, such as: the State Public Defender's office, juvenile defense attorneys, and parents of youth previously involved in the juvenile court system.

State Expenditures

The joint resolution will increase state expenditures by at least \$29,255 in FY 2013-14 and require 0.4 FTE to support the 2013 interim committee created by the bill.

Legislative Department appropriations support a limited number of interim committees each year. Funding is available for four committees during the 2013 interim. If the interim committee established by this joint resolution is not selected by the Legislative Council as one of the four interim studies for 2013, no funding for the committee will be available.

Table 1 provides an analysis of the resources required to support this interim committee. The fiscal note assumes the committee will hold five meetings.

Table 1. Expenditures Under HJR13-1019	
Cost Components	FY 2013-14
Personal Services <i>Research Associate II (0.3 FTE) and Staff Attorney (0.1 FTE)</i>	\$23,645
Legislator Per Diem and Expenses (6 members x \$187 x 5 meetings)	\$5,610
TOTAL	\$29,255

Departments Contacted

Judicial

Legislative Council