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FINAL FISCAL NOTE

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Prime Sponsors:	Rep. Lee; Wilson Sen. Coram	Bill Status:	Signed into Law
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Bill Topic:	DHS REPORT DATA & ADD MEMBERS TO WORKING GROUP WORKING GROUP
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Summary of Fiscal Impact:	<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure (<i>minimal</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund <input type="checkbox"/> Local Government <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity
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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.
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Fiscal Note Status:	The fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.
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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 Senate Bill 17-234 repealed the requirement that the DHS report on juvenile facility recidivism.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

Starting in the current FY 2017-18, 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 was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on March 7, 2018.

State and Local Government Contacts

Child Protection Ombudsman	Human Services
Information Technology	Judicial
Public Defender	State Auditor