

LFC Requester:

AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Date Prepared: 3/07/2025 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: HB 255 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total						

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis:

House Judiciary committee substitute for HB 255 expands the definition of “youthful offender” to include voluntary manslaughter. The time for supervised release is extended and provisions for are made for issuing warrants and tolling supervised release time for absconding delinquents. Expands commitment times by three months for short term and long-term commitments. Grant money fund is to be used for operating programs that provide services for adjudicated delinquents. Establishment of local panels to determine the next steps for delinquent children sentenced to juvenile facilities considering available services and programs

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Minor fiscal impact for District Attorney’s Offices.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

House Judiciary committee substitute for HB 255 does minor change to the children’s code. The addition of voluntary manslaughter is a very minor change that does not address the issues current juvenile crime. The expansion of commitments for juvenile offenders by three months is a minor fix in addressing the issue with juvenile crime. The standard for absconding should be left to the Court’s discretion and not a willful and knowingly standard which unreasonable standard for juvenile offenders. The definition of “youth” has is not reelevate to the statute since a person over eighteen is considered an adult. Having local panels would give the communities more say in juvenile programs and juvenile issues.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP ALTERNATIVES

HB 134, HB 163, and SB 326 which call for extensive revision of the children’s code.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

None.

AMENDMENTS