JUVENILE ESCAPE: NOTIFICATION



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Senate Bill 1028 (as reported without amendment) Sponsor: Senator Mike Rogers Committee: Judiciary

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Social Welfare Act to provide that, if a juvenile escaped from a facility or residence in which he or she had been placed, the person having responsibility for maintaining custody of the juvenile at the time of the escape immediately would have to notify all of the following of the escape or cause all of the following to be notified:

- -- If the escape occurred in a city, village, or township, the police department of the city, village, or township.
- -- The sheriff department of the county in which the escape occurred.
- -- The Department of State Police post having jurisdiction over the area in which the escape occurred.

"Escape" would mean to leave without lawful authority or fail to return to custody when required. "Juvenile" would mean an individual under the jurisdiction of the probate court for a violation of a municipal ordinance or a State or Federal law, or a juvenile who was under the jurisdiction of the circuit court or Detroit Recorder's Court pursuant to a prosecutor's authority to file criminal charges directly, rather than seeking a probate court waiver of jurisdiction over the juvenile.

The bill is tie-barred to Senate Bills 1026 and 1027.

Proposed MCL 400.115n

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bills could have a minimal indeterminate impact on State government. The Family Independence Agency has indicated that notifying law enforcement agencies following the escape of a State ward is currently being done. If this is not a current practice, however, State delinquency services facilities or the contracted agencies with which the wards are placed would incur a minimal increase in administrative costs for contacts made to the law enforcement representatives.

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