

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
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**State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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**ORIGINAL**

**Bill Number:** SB21

**Patron:** Locke

**Bill Title:** DJJ; transfer of responsibility to Secretary of Health and Human Resources.

**Bill Summary:** Directs the Office of the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security and the Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources to convene a stakeholder work group to create a plan and recommended timeline for transferring responsibility for the Department of Juvenile Justice from the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security to the Secretary of Health and Human Resources. The bill requires the work group to be composed of interested parties, including representatives from civil liberty organizations, organizations engaged in the daily work of youth justice and violence prevention, formerly incarcerated persons and their families, and mental health experts. The bill directs the work group to submit its plan and recommended timeline for executing the transfer to the Chairs of the House Committee for Courts of Justice, House Committee on Public Safety, Senate Committee for Courts of Justice, and Senate Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services by November 1, 2026.

**Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**Items Impacted:** N/A

**Explanation:** N/A

**Fiscal Summary:** The proposal requires the Secretaries of Public Safety and Homeland Security (SPSHS) and Health and Human Resources (SHHR) to form a work group to plan and recommend a timeline for transferring responsibility for the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) from SPSHS to SHHR.

**Fiscal Analysis:** There is no anticipated fiscal impact associated with the formation of the work group proposed in the legislation. Any unanticipated fiscal impact that may result from this proposal is expected to be absorbed with existing resources.

**Other:** N/A