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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2991

As Amended by House Committee on
Appropriations

Brief*

HB 2991 would create the Juvenile Correctional Facility Closure and Repurposing Commission.

The Commission would consist of nine members. Five members would be appointed by the governor; one member would be appointed by the president of the senate; one member would be appointed by the minority leader of the senate; one member would be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; and one member would be appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives. Members would be reimbursed expenses for performance of their duties.

The bill would require the Commission to submit to the Governor a written final report on or before December 1, 2008, which would recommend the closure or repurposing of any juvenile correctional facility no later than January 1, 2010; a date of closure or repurposing of any juvenile correctional facility recommended for closure; and recommendations of policies and procedures to facilitate any closure or repurposing. The Governor shall submit the final report to the Legislature on or before January 10, 2009.

The purpose of the Commission would be to make a recommendation to the Governor regarding closing or repurposing of any juvenile correctional facility. The Commission shall consider the savings that would accrue to the state from the closure of the juvenile correctional facility; the impact of closure or repurposing on the juvenile offenders and the availability of alternative facilities to meet the needs of the

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juvenile offenders; and the impact of closure or repurposing of the juvenile correctional facility on the quality of services provided to juvenile offenders of the juvenile correctional facility.

The Governor and the Commissioner of Juvenile Justice shall prepare all necessary recommendations to put into effect the recommendations of the Commission to close or otherwise repurpose such juvenile correctional facility. The Commissioner of the Juvenile Justice Authority is also required to submit budget estimates for FY 2009 and ensuing fiscal years that support the implementation of the Commission's recommendations. The bill would also allow the Governor to make recommendations for any additional funding needed to fully implement the recommendations of the Commission.

Background

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget indicates that any additional expenses incurred with passage of the bill would be absorbed within existing resources by the Juvenile Justice Authority.