

HOUSE BILL NO. 165

INTRODUCED BY KVAALEN

BY REQUEST OF THE CODE COMMISSIONER

IN THE HOUSE

January 15, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Judiciary
January 18, 1979	Committee recommend bill do pass and be placed on Consent Calendar. Report adopted.
January 19, 1979	Printed and placed on members' desks.
January 22, 1979	Third Reading Consent Calendar passed. Transmitted to Second House.

IN THE SENATE

January 23, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Judiciary.
January 29, 1979	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.
January 31, 1979	Second Reading, concurred in.
February 2, 1979	Third Reading, concurred in.

IN THE HOUSE

February 3, 1979	Returned from Second House. Concurred in. Sent to enrolling. Reported correctly enrolled.
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10 custody shall ~~may~~ not continue for a period of more than 6
11 months without a subsequent court order after notice and
12 hearing;

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15 consistent with subsection (d) of this section.

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21 (a) order the youth to be evaluated by the department
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24 or
25 (b) in the case of a delinquent youth 16 years or

1 older whom the court deems considers a suitable person for
2 placement at a youth forest camp, notify the director of the
3 department of institutions of the finding. The director of
4 the department of institutions shall then designate to the
5 court the facility to which the youth shall be delivered for
6 evaluation. The court may then commit the youth to the
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11 If after the evaluation the department of institutions
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(3) No youth ~~shall~~ may be committed or transferred to

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5 time.

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16 In the district court for the judicial district.
17 On the day of, 19..., a minor of this
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19 with Upon due proof I find that is a suitable
20 person to be committed to the department of institutions.

21 It is ordered that be committed to the department
22 of institutions until

23 The names, addresses, and occupations of the parents
24 are:

25 Name _____ Address _____ Occupation _____

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3 The names and addresses of their nearest relatives are:
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6 Witness my hand this day of A.D. 19....
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8 Judge "

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15 required. The qualifications for part-time probation
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17 officers insofar as possible. A chief probation officer
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19 division offices in the judicial district. The judge shall
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21 necessary office personnel and that the offices are properly
22 equipped to effectively carry out the purpose and intent of
23 this chapter. No person while serving as a law enforcement
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