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2 INTRODUCED BY

Joseph Wall House BILL NO. 240

3 BY REQUEST OF THE BOARD OF CRIME CONTROL

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STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

Fiscal Note for HB0240, as introduced

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

Establishing the Youth Court Study Commission; providing for appointments to the commission; directing the commission to conduct a study of the Montana Youth Court Act; authorizing the Legislative Council to accept funds from the Board of Crime Control for the operation of the commission.

ASSUMPTIONS:

Crime Control Division:

1. The Youth Court Study Commission will hold the equivalent of quarterly one-day meetings during the 1997 biennium. Mileage and per diem reimbursement for the eleven members will be paid at an average rate of \$180 per member per meeting. If eight meetings are held, the estimated reimbursement will be \$15,840 (11 x \$180 x 8 = \$15,840).
2. Compensation paid to the four legislative members is estimated at \$1,824 (4 members X 8 meetings X \$57/day).
3. Travel costs for out-of-state consultant assistance from the Youth Law Center are estimated at \$2,000.
4. Printing costs for final recommendations are estimated at \$500.
5. The Youth Justice Advisory Council will award a federal subgrant to the Legislative Council in the amount of \$20,000 to cover the costs of this study. These federal grant funds are included in the Governor's Executive Budget for the Crime Control Division.
6. Although the funding source is federal, the bill requires the subgrant funds to be deposited in an account in the state special revenue fund to the credit of the Legislative Council.
7. The duration of the appropriation (7/1/95 to 6/30/97) exceeds the federal life of the 94 Juvenile Justice Block Grant which may require splitting the funding into two separate subgrants, one from the 94 block grant and one from the 95 block grant.

Legislative Council:

8. Notwithstanding assumption #9, the estimated costs of the study commission are approximately \$20,000, depending on the number and duration of the meetings.
9. If the members of the Legislative Council choose to displace other assigned work and assign existing staff to support the Commission, no additional costs would be anticipated. However, if other work assigned to the Legislative Council maximally utilizes staff resources, additional staff resources would have to be procured. In the latter instance, it is anticipated that the resources could be procured either through contracted services or by the temporary (18-months) employment of an entry level legislative researcher, including incidental expenses associated with the employee. Either option is estimated to require an additional appropriation of approximately \$50,000, which is not included in the bill.

Department of Family Services:

10. Representation on the commission from the department will be accomplished within the present law base as presented in the Governor's Executive Budget.

(continued)

Dave Lewis 1-23-95
DAVE LEWIS, BUDGET DIRECTOR DATE
Office of Budget and Program Planning

Loren Soft
LOREN SOFT, PRIMARY SPONSOR DATE

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Expenditures:

	FY96	FY97
	Difference	Difference
Legislative Council:	912	912
Personal Services	<u>9,088</u>	<u>9,088</u>
Operating Expenses	10,000	10,000
Total	10,000	10,000
Funding:		
State Special Revenue (02)	10,000	10,000

Revenues:

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TECHNICAL NOTES:

The draw down of the full amount of the grant (\$20,000) and deposit in a state special revenue account by July 1, 1995, in advance of the immediate cash needs, is required by Section 5(4) of the bill but would likely violate the federal cash management act. Compliance with federal law may be met by striking the language in Section 5(4) that requires deposit of the subgrant funds in the state special revenue account on or before July 1, 1995. Funds could then be deposited on a quarterly basis in amounts necessary to meet the expenditure needs for each quarter.

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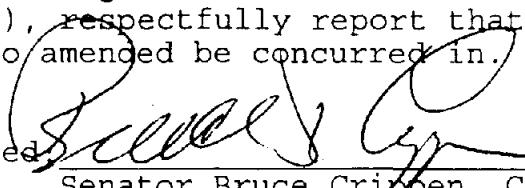
SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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March 15, 1995

MR. PRESIDENT:

We, your committee on Judiciary having had under consideration HB 240 (third reading copy -- blue), respectfully report that HB 240 be amended as follows and as so amended be concurred in.

Signed


Senator Bruce Crippen, Chair

That such amendments read:

1. Page 2, line 20.

Following: "council"

Insert: ", appointed by the governor from three candidates nominated by the board of crime control"

2. Page 2, line 22.

Following: "SUPERVISED"

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Following: "conclusions."

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4. Page 4, lines 17 and 18.

Following: "legislation," on line 17

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5. Page 4, line 18.

Following: "legislation."

Insert: "The report must also contain a discussion related to any area of study for which the commission does not recommend legislation and an explanation of why legislation is not recommended."

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(3) Funds allocated to the legislative council on behalf of the commission but not expended prior to the termination date specified in [section 7] must be returned to the youth justice advisory council within 60 days of the termination date.

8 (4) The funds identified in this section must be deposited IN QUARTERLY INSTALLMENTS THAT
9 ARE SUFFICIENT TO MEET THE COMMISSION'S COSTS FOR EACH QUARTER in an account in the state
10 special revenue fund to the credit of the legislative council. THE FIRST INSTALLMENT MUST BE
11 DEPOSITED on or before July 1, 1995. The legislative council staff may not begin work on the study until
12 these funds have THE FIRST INSTALLMENT HAS been deposited.

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14 **NEW SECTION.** **Section 6. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 1995.

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