



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 169

PRINTER'S NO. 159

PRIME SPONSOR: Baker

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2024/25	FY 2025/26
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY:

Provides requirements for dispositional review hearings when a delinquent child has been committed to an institution.

ANALYSIS:

Senate Bill 169 Printer's Number 159 amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) Section 6353 (Disposition of delinquent child) to insert subsection a.1. This new subsection sets requirements for the frequency and content of disposition review hearings. The legislation mandates that the court shall hold a disposition review hearing at least every three months in accordance with the Pennsylvania Rules of Juvenile Court Procedure for the purpose of ensuring that each delinquent child committed to out-of-home placement is receiving necessary services and treatment and that the terms and conditions of the disposition ordered are being met.

The legislation further stipulates that each disposition review hearing shall, at a minimum, determine:

1. whether the child is receiving the necessary services or treatment contemplated by the court's disposition;
2. whether the child continues to pose a threat to the community;
3. whether the additional services or treatment are needed;
4. whether the child should continue in placement or be released from placement under aftercare supervision; and
5. the date of the next disposition review hearing.

At the conclusion of the disposition review hearing, and prior to entering an order, the court shall state the determinations, along with the reasons for the determination, on the record in open court.

This legislation would take effect in 180 days upon enactment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

According to the Administrative Offices of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC), enactment of this legislation will have no impact on commonwealth funds.

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