

# Summary of SB 823 - JJ Trailer Bill

- Closes intake at DJJ on July 1, 2021, with some exceptions
  - Continues to allow youth eligible for transfer hearings to be placed in DJJ
- Makes adjustments to the local age of jurisdiction so that it mirrors current age of jx for DJJ commitments. (WIC 707(b) - Age 25.)
- Oversight
  - Establishes the Office of Youth and Community Restoration within HHS, effective July 1, 2021.
  - Requires OYCR to evaluate the efficacy of local programs being utilized for realigned youth and report findings no later than July 1, 2025
  - Provides no juvenile grants shall be awarded by the BSCC without concurrence of OYCR.
  - Moves all juvenile justice grant administration functions from the BSCC no later than January 1, 2025. (Juvenile grants not defined.)
  - Continues the Youth Justice Committee within HHS Child Welfare Council; advise and provide recommendations related to policies, programs, and approaches that improve youth outcomes. (Advisory body.)
  - Adds new state-level ombudsman to received complaints from wards and families and try to resolve those complaints.

*(1) Investigate complaints from youth, families, staff, and others about harmful conditions or practices, violations of laws and regulations governing facilities, and circumstances presenting an emergency situation.*

*(2) Decide, in its discretion, whether to investigate a complaint, or refer complaints to another body for investigation.*

*(3) Resolve complaints when possible, collaborating with facility administrators and staff to develop resolutions that may include training.*

*(4) Publish and provide regular reports to the Legislature about complaints received and subsequent findings and actions taken. The report shall comply with all confidentiality laws.*

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- Regulatory and inspection functions remain at BSCC.
- Funding
  - Establishes the Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant program - \$40m, 118m, 192m,
  - Requires establishment of a juvenile advisory body, subcommittee of existing JJ groups, to develop and implement the funding.
  - OYCR shall review the plan to ensure it meets statutory requirements; can return the plan.
- Requires DOJ to submit a plan by Jan 2023 to update the Juvenile Court and Probation Statistical System database, improve and modernize statewide juvenile justice data collection and reporting.
- \$9.6m to the BSCC for the Youth Programs and Facilities Grant Program for the purpose of providing resources for infrastructure related needs and improvements to assist counties in the development of a local continuum of care.