Legislative Analysis



ALLOW TRANSPORTATION OF JUVENILE WITH ADULT OFFENDERS

House Bill 4018 as introduced Sponsor: Rep. Mike Mueller

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SUMMARY:

The juvenile code (Chapter XIIA of the Probate Code) generally prohibits the confining, imprisoning, transporting, and mingling (whether compelled or allowed) of adult offenders with juveniles under age 18 who are taken into custody or detained. House Bill 4018 would amend the code to allow juveniles who are 16 or 17 years old and are taken into custody or detained to be transported with an adult if all of the following apply:

- The adult is not more than 25 years of age.
- The juvenile and adult are taken into custody at the same time.
- The juvenile and adult are taken into custody for the same offense or both occupied the same vehicle at the time the offense was committed.
- The juvenile is taken directly to the appropriate location and is then separated from the adult at the earliest available time.

The bill would take effect 90 days after being enacted.

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BACKGROUND:

The bill is a reintroduction of House Bill 4887 of the 2021-22 legislative session, which was passed by both the House of Representatives and the Senate and vetoed by the governor on July 1, 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 4018 would not have a significant fiscal impact on the Department of Health and Human Services. Under the provisions of the bill, counties may see decreased costs in their county child care funds related to the transportation of juvenile offenders with adult offenders. The amount of any savings gained is indeterminate and would depend upon the number of juveniles no longer having to be transported separately from adult offenders.

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