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LEGISLATIVE BILL REVIEW FORM: 2016

Bill Number: H. 95, Sec. 35
Division of Superior Court.

Name of Bill: An act relating to jurisdiction over delinquency proceedings by the Family

Agency/ Dept: Education

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Related Bills and Key Players _____

Status of Bill: (check one): _____ Upon Introduction _____ As passed by 1st body ☒ As passed by both

Recommended Position:

☒ Support _____ Oppose _____ Remain Neutral _____ Support with modifications identified in #8 below

Analysis of Bill

1. Summary of bill and issue it addresses.

The bill asks AOE to explore use of Restorative Justice and similar practices and to consider research on effects and outcomes of implementation of restorative practices.

2. Is there a need for this bill?

Section 35 focuses on preventative measures that have the potential to reduce the number of youthful offenders.

3. What are likely to be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for this Department?

The bill will require AOE staff time to explore the designated practices and research their effects and outcomes. This fits within the scope of existing work.

4. What might be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for other departments in state government, and what is likely to be their perspective on it?

There is the potential for benefit to the Department of Corrections and the Agency of Human Services if restorative practices are used regularly and effectively in Vermont schools.

5. What might be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for others, and what is likely to be their perspective on it?

There are both fiscal and programmatic implications for Vermont schools if the AOE promotes the use of restorative practices. Staff would need training and support in order to implement and sustain new practices. This involves training costs, staff and substitute teacher time.

6. Other Stakeholders:

6.1 Who else is likely to support the proposal and why?

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Educational organizations are likely to support as the work is intended to improve school climate and students outcomes.

6.2 Who else is likely to oppose the proposal and why?

Some school based staff may see this as one more practice they are asked to take on although Sec. 35 has no requirement for implementation.

7. Rationale for recommendation:

Restorative practices that improve school climate and student outcomes have potential to prevent Vermont students from involvement in the juvenile justice system.

8. Specific modifications that would be needed to recommend support of this bill:

No recommendations.

9. Will this bill create a new board or commission AND/OR add or remove appointees to an existing one? If so, which one and how many?

No.

Secretary/Commissioner has reviewed this document:  Date: 5/12/16