

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 2495

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Education, February 22, 1996

Title: An act relating to educational program for juveniles in detention facilities.

Brief Description: Revising educational program for juveniles in detention facilities.

Sponsors: Representatives Brumsickle and Cole; by request of Department of Social and Health Services.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Education: 2/22/96 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators McAuliffe, Chair; Goings, Vice Chair; Finkbeiner, Hochstatter, Johnson, Pelz and Rasmussen.

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Background: The Department of Social and Health Services staffs and maintains a series of residential schools within the state for the education and treatment of juvenile offenders. A school district that has such a residential school in its district must conduct a program of education for residents of the facility that are of common school age.

In 1994, the Legislature passed a law requiring the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) to establish and operate, or contract to operate, a juvenile offender basic training camp. The department is currently evaluating sites for such a camp.

Summary of Bill: School districts must provide educational services to juvenile offender basic training camps either operated by DSHS or under contract with DSHS.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: This legislation will permit the school district to receive funding at the institutional education rate if the department contracts with a private provider to operate a boot camp. Since the offenders would be at a juvenile institution if they were not at the boot camp, this does not increase costs.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: David Griffith, DSHS/JRA.