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Subject Limitations on treatment of delinquent children

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## **Overview**

This bill addresses the treatment of juveniles in the delinquency process. It increases the age of delinquency from 10 to 13; prohibits detention facilities from visually inspecting the breasts, buttocks, or genitalia of children; and prohibits the use of disciplinary room time by facilities that detain children.

# **Summary**

#### **Section Description**

## 1 Affected municipality; notice.

Makes a technical, conforming change.

## 2 Licensing; facilities; juveniles from outside state.

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#### 3 Searches.

Provides that the commissioner of corrections shall not grant a license to operate a facility for the detention, care, and training of delinquent children unless the facility adopts a policy prohibiting the visual inspection of the breasts, buttocks, or genitalia of children received by the facility except during a health care procedure by a medically licensed person.

## 4 Disciplinary room time.

Provides that the commissioner of corrections shall not grant a license to operate a facility for the detention, care, and training of delinquent children unless the facility adopts a policy prohibiting the use of disciplinary room time for children received by the facility.

#### 5 Reason for detention.

Provides that no child may be detained in a secure detention facility after being taken into custody for a delinquent act unless the child is over the age of 12.

## **Section Description**

## 6 Child in need of protection or services.

Amends the definition of "child in need of protection or services" to include children who commit a juvenile petty offense or delinquent act before becoming 13 years old. Current law defines the term as including children under the age of ten.



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