

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The Juvenile Corrections Act provides for several options in sentencing a juvenile who has been found within the purview of the act, including placing the juvenile on probation and sentencing the juvenile to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Corrections. However, it is not clear whether the court may exercise both of these options. The Supreme Court's Juvenile Justice Advisory Team, consisting of magistrate judges from throughout the state who preside over juvenile cases on a daily basis, has proposed making it clear that when a court sentences a juvenile to the custody of the Department, it may provide that the juvenile will be on probation following release from the custody of the Department. The period of probation would run up to three years following the release from custody or until the juvenile's twenty-first birthday, whichever occurs first. The court would hold a hearing within 30 days after the juvenile's release from custody to determine the term and conditions of the probation. This would allow continuing supervision and rehabilitation of juveniles when they are placed back in the community.

FISCAL NOTE

None.

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