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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Regensberg DATE TYPED: 2/27/03 HB 517

SHORT TITLE: Extend Children's Code Short Term Commitment SB _____

ANALYST: Maloy

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
			15.0	Recurring	General Fund

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Responses Received From
 Juvenile Parole Board
 Children, Youth and Families Department
 Office of the Attorney General
 Administrative Office of the District Attorneys
 Administrative Office of the Courts

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 517 adds minimal language to the Children's Code, giving a district court judge authority to review *short* and long term commitments for juveniles and to extend *short-term* commitments one year at a time if deemed appropriate.

Significant Issues:

- Currently, the law designates authority for the courts to extend long-term commitments. The Children's Code fails to include both short and long-term commitments, as does a companion statute at Section 32A-2-19.
- Adding the proposed minimal language (i.e., "short-term or") conforms this section with Section 32A-2-19, thereby promoting consistency between laws.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There would be fiscal and administrative implications for the Children, Youth and Families Department. In its analysis of this bill, the department did not estimate the cost of these implications.

There will also be fiscal and administrative implications for the Juvenile Parole Board. The Board has estimated the costs at approximately \$15.0 per year.

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