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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR O'Neill/ Ruiloba ORIGINAL DATE 2/14/19  
LAST UPDATED 2/23/19 HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE Juvenile Justice Arts Programs SB 434/aSJC

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### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY19	FY20		
	\$800.0	Recurring	General

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Senate Judiciary Committee Amendment

The Senate Judiciary Committee amendment to Senate Bill 434 changes the target population for this appropriation to adjudicated clients committed to secure facilities and clients following their release from said commitment. The amended bill will no longer cover children in county juvenile detention facilities.

#### Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Bill 434 appropriates \$800 thousand from the general fund to Children, Youth and Families Department to support and expand current programs that provide arts-based curricula to children in a juvenile detention facility or under supervised release, and to provide similar programming to children after release.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$800 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY21 shall revert to the general fund.

The appropriation contained in this bill is not included in the LFC or executive recommendations for FY20.

## **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

CYFD provided:

“First, it is unclear which arts-based curricula this appropriation targets, as CYFD/JJ Education does not presently use a fully arts-based curricula. The secure facilities employ an arts teacher, and current arts programs in the secure facilities include Keshet Dance and a mural presently underway. Unlocked Minds has worked with the youth at YDDC, and the United World College has staged plays written by CYFD/JJ clients.

Second, the appropriation targets the following populations:

1. Children in county juvenile detention facilities, who are not served by CYFD/JJ Education;
2. Children on supervised release following a commitment to a secure facility for adjudicated youth, who are not served by CYFD/JJ Education and, depending upon their age upon time of release, may not be enrolled in education; and
3. Children “after release”, where it is unclear whether “release” refers to release from a county juvenile detention facility, or release from supervised release upon completion of commitment period.

There is no provision in this bill for youth who have been adjudicated to a secure facility where they are served by CYFD/JJ Education. CYFD currently has no information available as to what county juvenile detention facilities have an arts-based curricula either in place or available. When a client who has not obtained their high school diploma or GED returns to the community, and are still subject to the Compulsory School Education Act, they will return to a school in the community where art-based curricula may or may not be taught.

These population parameters may allow CYFD to expand programming at the CYFD reintegration centers. However, it is most likely that the appropriation will be contracted out in accordance with procurement regulations.”

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