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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Date Prepared: _____ *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: SBI47 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: A Maestas **Agency Name and Code** CYFD - 690
Short JUVENILE COMMUNITY **Number:** _____
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		336.5	1,365.0	1,701.5	Recurring	General

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
 Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: This bill amends the Juvenile Community Corrections Act to expand the pool of potential clients and change how Juvenile Community Corrections grant funds are used.

Definitions of “child” (under 18 years of age) and “youth” (18 to 21 years of age) are added, and the definition of “volunteer services” expanded to clarify that volunteers receive neither reimbursement nor award of any type.

The population eligible for services provided through monies disbursed from the fund is expanded to include children or youth referred for services by CYFD. Applicants for monies are now required to demonstrate the support of key components of “prevention, intervention and diversion”.

The definitions of “public employee” and “immune contractor” in the Tort Claims Act are amended to strike “members of state or local selection panels established pursuant to the Juvenile Community Corrections Act”.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no appropriation contained within this bill. In order to ensure adequate services are available to the additional children and youth eligible under this bill, the funds appropriated by statute to the Juvenile Justice Program Unit will need to be proportionally increased.

In FY2025, the Juvenile Community Corrections program served 437 eligible youth (out of a total eligible population of 758) at an average allocation of \$4.26 (four thousand two hundred sixty dollars) per youth served. This bill expands the priority service population of adjudicated delinquents and children or youth referred by CYFD by an average of 7500 children and youth, which would require an average total allocation of \$34,080.0 (thirty-four million eighty thousand) to ensure adequate services for all eligible youth and children. The FY2025 service population was an increase of 34% from FY2024. Presuming a similar increase, and presuming an annual allocation equivalent to FY2025’s of \$2,200.0, JCC will require expanded funding in the first year of approximately \$336.5, with additional \$700.0 per year thereafter (seven hundred thousand) compounding will allow for a sustainable increase of services and service providers.

This bill also increases the allowable indirect costs from 10% to 12% for both CYFD and the service providers, which will accommodate any fiscal impact that results from an expansion in services and an expansion in service providers.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

While this bill will significantly expand the number of children and youth eligible for services, the number of providers available to provide services, and the capacity of existing providers (currently 13 in 21 counties), will need to be significantly expanded in order to accommodate the expanded population of adjudicated delinquents and children or youth referred by CYFD. Communities served by these providers will benefit from both the expansion of services generally, and the 69% of participating youth who show overall improvement in all categories of life skills.

Juvenile Community Corrections (JCC) provides a collaborative, inclusive approach for at-risk

youth (ages 10-21) to improve safety, permanency, stability, and well-being. JCC involves a team approach which engages the significant people in the client's life, and provides individualized program services based on the client's needs through a network of contracted service providers statewide. These providers work with the youth on case management, life and social skills, job search, tutoring, and access to other services within their community. JCC also provides experiential activities, financial/rental assistance, and transportation to support the youth's success.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

CYFD has performance measures concerning the long-term success of at-risk youth, and recidivism rates, which will be positively affected by this bill.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None for CYFD. See allowable indirect costs under Fiscal Implications.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None identified.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None identified.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None identified.

ALTERNATIVES

None proposed.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status quo.

AMENDMENTS

None proposed.