

A bill for an act

relating to public safety; requiring a study on the collection and reporting of summary data relating to decisions that affect a child's status within the juvenile justice system.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM DECISION POINTS; STUDY REQUIRED.**

Subdivision 1. Study required. (a) The criminal and juvenile justice information policy group, consistent with the duties described in Minnesota Statutes, section 299C.65, shall study the feasibility of collecting and reporting summary data relating to the decisions that affect a child's status within the juvenile justice system. The policy group shall consult with the Department of Corrections, the Office of Justice Programs, and other relevant criminal justice agencies, juvenile justice stakeholders, and interested community groups. The Office of Justice Programs shall provide administrative support to the study.

(b) At a minimum, the study must consider:

(1) required data elements to be collected, such as age, gender, race, ethnicity, criminal charge, county of offense, and county of residence;

(2) the decision points at which the data must be collected;

(3) the criminal and juvenile justice agencies required to supply data;

(4) who the repository entity for collected data should be;

(5) the frequency of reporting;

(6) the level of summary analysis;

(7) a plan to implement the data collection, reporting, and analysis; and

(8) the cost of implementing the plan.

2.1 Subd. 2. **Report required.** The commissioner of public safety shall submit the
2.2 study described in subdivision 1 to the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate
2.3 and house of representatives committees having jurisdiction over juvenile justice policy
2.4 by February 15, 2010.