**Incarceration Workgroup** Review of the Impact of Transfer in Public Safety and Behavior Change and Best Practices in Residential Settings

September 16, 2019

## Requirement

Conduct a review of other states' laws regarding the transfer of juvenile cases to adult court and the outcomes associated with those laws, including their impact on public safety and their effectiveness in changing behavior . . .

## Leading Studies and Conclusions

- Robert Hahn, Ph.D. et al., Effects on Violence of Laws and Policies Facilitating the Transfer of Youth from the Juvenile to the Adult Justice System, Task Force on Community Preventive Services (2010).
- Richard E. Redding, Juvenile Transfer Laws: An Effective Deterrent to Delinquency?, United States Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (2010).
- Carol A. Schubert et al., Predicting Outcomes for Youth Transferred to Adult Court, Law and Human Behavior 34:460-475 (2010).
- Craig A. Mason, Ph.D. & Shau Chang, Re-Arrest Rates Among Youth Sentenced in Adult Court, Juvenile Sentencing Advocacy Project (2001).



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## **Requirement: Identify Best Practices**

Behavior Management Suicide Prevention and Intervention

Use of Room Confinement, Force, Restraints

Trauma-Informed Practices and Services Sexual Misconduct Prevention, Detection, Response