



## JJPOC Incarceration Work Group

January 13, 2020

10:00-11:30am

Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106

### Meeting Summary:

- Discussion of JJPOC Recommendations
  - Feedback
    - In December, the draft version of the 2020 JJPOC Recommendations was distributed to the members of the Executive Committee for feedback. All feedback was collected, catalogued and sent back to the co-chairs of the Workgroups. The draft version of the 2020 JJPOC Recommendations was then to the members of the JJPOC in January for review.
  - Center for Children's Advocacy Proposed Recommendations
    - There were 3 new recommendations brought forth for consideration by CCA.
      - The first recommendation was focused on automatic erasures of certain juvenile records. Currently, these same records can be expunged through a petition process. This recommendation would eliminate the need to petition for certain levels. Data was requested to support this recommendation, however, there was no opposition within the group.
      - Second, there was a recommendation that would allow youth under 18 in DOC custody to make phone calls free of charge. Based on previous proposals, the estimated fiscal cost would be approximately \$50-75k per year. There was a suggestion made to extend this recommendation to include all those who are charged as minors and who continued to be incarcerated after their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. There was a request for obtaining the cost that would be inclusive of this population. There were no objections within the group.
      - The third and final recommendation focused on school reentry. The members of this group felt it would be best if this recommendation came through the Education Committee.
  - Proposed Language on Transfers
    - Recent data was provided by the workgroup cochairs:
      - 2019 - (Jan-Oct) 119 automatic transfers, 15 discretionary
      - 2018 - (Jan-Dec) 117 automatic transfers, 14 discretionary
    - The drafted language on transfers would keep Class A felonies automatic transfers, remove Class B felonies from automatic transfers and, instead, to discretionary hearings, and would eliminate Class C, D, E and Unclassified felonies from the possibility of transfer.

- The proposed language for this recommendation would also change the standard for transfer to specify that a case can only be transferred if the child cannot be maintained in the superior court for juvenile matters without presenting an imminent risk of death or serious physical injury.
  - The group did not come to unanimous agreement on the proposed legislative language but would move forward with the concept and continue working on the specific language.
  - There was also talk about including a needs assessment. Further discussion will take place at the January 2020 JJPOC meeting.
- Next Steps:
  - The co-chairs and TYJI will work to finalize these additional recommendations to be presented at the January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 JJPOC meeting.

**Next Meeting:** February 11, 2020