

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 14

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3 A Resolution requesting that the Legislative Council  
4 establish an interim study committee to consider  
5 creation of a separate state department for youth  
6 services.

7 WHEREAS, youth services for the youth of this state  
8 may be improved by consolidating youth services into a  
9 separate department; and

10 WHEREAS, there may be overlap and duplication in  
11 the funding sources and administration of youth  
12 services; and

13 WHEREAS, other states have consolidated youth  
14 services into a separate department for the purposes  
15 of improving services; NOW THEREFORE,

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That  
17 the Legislative Council is requested to establish an  
18 interim committee for the 1997 Interim to consider  
19 whether a separate state department for youth services  
20 should be created and to conduct a comprehensive  
21 review of the existing services and programs for youth  
22 in this state. The committee should include members  
23 of both political caucuses of both houses of the  
24 General Assembly. The study may also consider the  
25 funding mechanisms for the services and programs,  
26 agencies involved in delivery of the services and  
27 programs, areas in which services and programs  
28 overlap, and approaches used and experiences of other  
29 states in providing youth services. In addition, the  
30 study may receive testimony from agency staff, service

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1 providers, and youth services advocates on issues  
2 deemed relevant to the delivery of youth services in  
3 this state. The interim committee may be authorized  
4 to retain a consultant to provide background  
5 information for the committee. If established, the  
6 committee should be directed to submit a report with  
7 recommendations and findings to the Seventy-seventh  
8 General Assembly, 1998 Session.

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