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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to a study and report concerning juvenile
2 detention.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. JUVENILE DETENTION STUDY.

2 1. The public safety advisory board established within
3 the division of criminal and juvenile justice planning of the
4 department of human rights shall study the use of juvenile
5 detention in this state. The public safety advisory board
6 shall discuss and evaluate the approaches currently taken
7 across this state for making juvenile detention decisions;
8 the appropriateness of using juvenile detention screening
9 instruments; the use and effectiveness of juvenile detention
10 screening instruments used in this state, contemplated to
11 be used in this state, and used out of state; the juvenile
12 detention screening instrument's effect on overrepresentation
13 or disproportionate minority contact in juvenile detention;
14 the offenses for which juvenile detention is appropriate;
15 a juvenile detention screening instrument's effect on the
16 types of offenses for which juvenile detention is appropriate;
17 and other matters the public safety advisory board deems
18 appropriate.

19 2. The public safety advisory board shall develop
20 recommendations concerning juvenile detention admissions and
21 screening, juvenile detention screening instruments, and other
22 issues deemed appropriate by the board. The public safety
23 advisory board shall, by December 15, 2014, submit a report
24 of its findings and recommendations to the governor and the
25 general assembly.

26 EXPLANATION

27 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
28 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

29 This bill requires the public safety advisory board to
30 study and report on juvenile detention. The bill requires
31 the board to discuss and evaluate the current method for
32 determining whether to place juveniles in detention, and the
33 appropriateness of juvenile detention screening instruments
34 and their use in this state and out of state, as well as
35 the juvenile detention screening instrument's impact on

1 disproportionate minority contact in juvenile detention. The
2 board also shall discuss offenses that should or should not
3 entail juvenile detention and a juvenile detention screening
4 instrument's impact on the types of offenses for which a person
5 is placed in juvenile detention.

6 The bill requires the board to develop recommendations and
7 present its findings and recommendations in a report to the
8 governor and the general assembly by December 15, 2014.