

HCS HB 1550 -- JUVENILE COURT JURISDICTION (Stevenson)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Committee on Judiciary

This substitute expands the jurisdiction of juvenile courts to include individuals who are 17 years of age for the sole purpose of status offenses by revising the definition of "child" and "adult." "Status offense" is defined as any offense described in Section 211.031.1(2), RSMo.

Parents are allowed to petition the circuit court to extend the jurisdiction of the juvenile court over the minor child until the child reaches the age of 18 years old and makes the expiration date of these provisions subject to the effective date of the changes to Section 211.021.

The provisions of Section 211.021 become effective when spending by the state for juvenile officer and deputy juvenile officer full-time equivalents exceeds by \$3.8 million of the amount spent in Fiscal Year 2007.

The Office of State Courts Administrator must conduct a study and report on the impact of revising the definition of "child" to include any person between 17 and 18 years of age alleged to have committed a status offense and the average caseloads of juvenile officers. The report must be submitted to the General Assembly by June 30, 2009.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Effect on General Revenue Fund of an income of \$0 or a cost of More than \$1,834,819 in FY 2009, an income of \$0 or a cost of More than \$2,293,658 in FY 2010, and an income of \$0 or a cost of More than \$2,357,405 in FY 2011. No impact on Other State Funds in FY 2009, FY 2010, and FY 2011.