

HB 909 -- MISSOURI YOUTH FUNDS LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

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Currently each Community Children's Services Fund has a board of directors. This bill requires the board to meet biennially to conduct a needs assessment. The board or the agency contracting with the board must submit an action plan for services based on the board's needs assessment and priority must be given to low-income populations and communities in greatest need of services. The board must approve the agencies action plan and at least twice per year review the activities of the agency for compliance of the action plan based on the board's needs assessment. If the board determines that an agency is deficient and not in compliance with the action plan based on the board's needs assessment, the board must require a remedial action plan from the agency. The agency must correct any deficiencies and become compliant by the next periodic review by the board or the agent contact will be terminated.

This bill establishes the Missouri Youth Funds Legislative Oversight Committee consisting of three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and three members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tem of the Senate.

The committee must:

- (1) Ensure that all youth funds in the state are audited annually and the audits must be submitted to the committee;
- (2) Report to the Governor, President Pro Tem of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives on the activities of all youth funds in the state during the preceding fiscal year no later than October 1 of each year; and
- (3) Determine the best practices for youth programs and services and analyze further needs from the state perspective.

Members of the committee cannot receive any compensation in addition to their salary as members of the General Assembly but may receive their necessary expenses while attending meetings of the committee.