

HB 1641 -- JUVENILE OFFENDERS

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Under current law, any child under the age of 17 who has been certified as an adult may be detained in an adult jail prior to trial. This act prohibits the detention of any child certified as an adult in an adult jail until the child has been sentenced or turns 17 years of age. Instead, the child must be detained in a juvenile facility that adheres to current state standards. These provisions take effect January 1, 2017.

This act requires the Division of Youth Services in collaboration with the Office of State Courts Administrator to establish a task force to make recommendations on the system and process design to be used to divert children who have been certified as adults from adult jails by January 1, 2017.

In addition, any child certified as an adult on or after August 28, 2016 who is under 17 years of age and being held prior to the disposition of his or her case must be detained in a juvenile detention facility that adheres to current state juvenile detention standards.

This bill is the same as SB 618 (2016).