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Youth Aids Statutory Calendar Year Allocations (Children and Families -- Youth Services -- Juvenile Justice)

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CURRENT LAW

The community youth and family aids program (youth aids) provides each county with an annual allocation of state and federal funds from which a county may pay for juvenile delinquency-related services, including out-of-home placements, costs of detention and secured residential care centers, and non-residential, community-based services for juveniles. Counties may supplement their expenditures on juvenile delinquency-related services with funding from other sources, including community aids, other state aids to counties, county tax revenues and special grant monies. The department of children and families (DCF) administrates the Youth Aids allocations, contracts with counties for delivery of services, provides counties with consultation and technical assistance, and develops program standards.

Base year (2018-19) youth aids funding of \$90,767,200 (\$88,591,400 GPR and \$2,175,800 FED) is provided for counties. The federal funding comes from Title IV-B, subpart 1, and IV-E of the Social Security Act.

GOVERNOR

Modify statutory provisions relating to the calendar year allocation of community youth and family aids (youth aids) funding by updating calendar year references from previous years to calendar years 2019, 2020, and 2021. In addition, require DCF to consult with county representatives to determine modifications to the community youth and family aids formula.

The bill provides no change to base funding for the program.

MODIFICATION

Update the annual amounts allocated for youth aids in the statutes from \$91,150,200 to \$90,767,200, to more accurately reflect the funding provided under the bill.

Explanation: Current law allocates up to \$91,150,200 on an annual basis for youth aids within the availability of funding under the GPR appropriation for community youth and family aids and the FED appropriation for federal aid for children, youth, and family aids. However, the actual funding provided under those appropriations has been, and is estimated to continue to be, \$90,767,200. This modification is intended to accurately reflect the amount funding provided for youth aids under the bill.

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