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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

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Judiciary

(Delegate Gutierrez)

Judicial Proceedings

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**Delinquency Prevention and Diversion Services Task Force - Extension of Sunset**

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This emergency bill extends the termination date of the Delinquency Prevention and Diversion Services Task Force from September 30, 2007 to September 30, 2008. The bill also changes the date for reporting the findings of the task force from July 1, 2007 to July 1, 2008.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Continued staff support and other task force expenses could be handled with existing resources of the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS). Revenues would not be affected.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Chapter 466 of 2006 established the Delinquency Prevention and Diversion Services Task Force. The task force is comprised of elected officials, members of State government, and representatives of school districts and local education agencies. The task force is required to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the Governor's Office for Children, the Advisory Council for Children, and the General Assembly by July 1, 2007. The Children's Cabinet is required to consider the findings of the task force in the development of its plans and programs.

The task force is required to: (1) study, survey, and assess the adequacy, quality, and quantity of delinquency prevention and diversion services currently being provided to juvenile offenders in the State by public and private agencies; (2) review delinquency prevention and diversion services that target the youth who are processed by DJS at intake, but not adjudicated delinquent or committed to a juvenile facility; (3) conduct hearings and gather information and suggestions from targeted juveniles, schools, DJS, and other service providers; (4) identify and document the current availability of delinquency prevention and diversion services in the State; (5) identify best practices and successful models for delinquency prevention and diversion programs in the State and in other states; (6) assess and evaluate the adequacy of current juvenile services; (7) identify the impact and consequences of gaps in juvenile services; (8) report findings and recommend delinquency and diversion services improvement; and (9) develop criteria for requests for proposals and the awarding of grants to establish juvenile delinquency prevention and diversion programs.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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