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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, the Department of Corrections (DOC) has the authority to license secure residential care centers for children and youth (SRCCCY). This bill transfers the authority to license SRCCCYs from DOC to the Department of Children and Families (DCF). This bill grants DCF the authority to promulgate rules establishing the minimum requirements for licensing and operating SRCCCYs and also authorizes DCF to establish uniform reimbursement rates for services that are offered at SRCCCYs.

This bill also requires that Milwaukee County establish or contract for enough SRCCCYs to accommodate all Milwaukee County juveniles that are subject to a correctional placement disposition. Additionally, this bill grants authority to other counties to establish or contract for SRCCCYs within their own county. This bill grants county departments that oversee child welfare the same authority that DOC has under current law to supervise juveniles who are placed in SRCCCYs.

This bill would allow counties to place juveniles subject to a correctional placement disposition in DOC-operated Type 1 juvenile correctional facilities (JCF) or SRCCCYs, or in SRCCCYs run by a county. This bill also allows juveniles placed in Type 2 status to be administratively transferred to Type 1 JCF or an SRCCCY (operated by either DOC or a county human services agency) if they violate a condition of their placement. Currently, juveniles in Type 2 status who violate a condition of their placement can only be transferred to a Type 1 JCF operated by DOC.

If counties send juveniles subject to a correctional placement disposition to county operated SRCCCYs instead of DOC facilities, the juvenile population under DOC supervision would likely decline and reduce the amount of revenue collected by the DOC for supervision of juveniles. A reduction in revenue would likely result in an increase in the daily rate charged to counties and the State, which would raise the cost to place juveniles in DOC facilities. Since this bill does not require counties to place juveniles in SRCCCYs instead of Type 1 JCFs, the DOC cannot determine how many juveniles would be placed in SRCCCYs instead of JCFs. State costs may increase if the JCF daily rate increases, since the state is responsible for the costs of juveniles under the Serious Juvenile Offender Program disposition and placed in JCFs. The state fiscal impact is indeterminate, however, because the DOC cannot predict where counties will place juveniles under the provisions of this bill.

Since DOC cannot estimate the number of juveniles that would be placed in SRCCCYs instead of JCIs, or the daily rate of SRCCCYs, the local fiscal impact of this bill is also indeterminate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications