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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO YOUTH.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 352D-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "**§352D-7 Youth services centers; creation.** (a) Beginning
4 July 1, 1991, the office of youth services shall create,
5 develop, and operate youth service centers throughout the State
6 including one or more in each county. This may be done either
7 directly or by contract with private parties. Delinquency
8 prevention shall be a primary objective of these centers. The
9 population eligible for services at the centers would be all
10 youths in need of services. Centers would also develop
11 individualized intake capabilities, program plans, delivery of
12 services, and a comprehensive referral network. The objectives
13 of the youth service centers shall be to:

- 14 (1) Develop and implement programs in delinquency
15 prevention;



1 (2) Provide a wider range of informal dispositions,
2 particularly alternatives to the juvenile justice
3 system;

4 (3) Develop an improved system of intake, assessment, and
5 follow-up for youths; and

6 (4) Provide better coordination of juvenile justice and
7 nonjuvenile justice services in order to reduce
8 overlaps and gaps in services.

9 (b) Each center shall:

10 (1) Be responsible for coordinating all services, justice
11 system or nonjustice system, both public and private,
12 to the youth referred to it; and

13 (2) Be responsive to the needs of its immediate community
14 and offer an array of services that are tailored to
15 the needs of its constituents.

16 (c) Every youth referred to a youth services center shall,
17 as soon as possible, be appropriately placed with a service
18 provider and provided services. The center shall develop
19 procedures [~~which~~] that will insure that appropriate service
20 providers are available on a twenty-four hour basis for each



1 youth. The center may contract with [~~such~~] the service
2 providers for [~~such~~] the services.

3 (d) Each youth service center shall maintain a registry of
4 every youth referred to it and shall monitor and supervise the
5 follow-up services that are provided to the youth. Each center
6 shall be primarily responsible to insure that the youth is fully
7 diverted from the juvenile justice system.

8 (e) No youth referred to a youth services center shall be
9 transferred to another governmental or nongovernmental facility
10 without the consent of the youth's parents or guardians. Prior
11 to transferring a youth to another facility, a youth service
12 center shall present to the youth's parents or guardians a
13 written explanation of how the transfer affects the youth's
14 treatment program with regard to housing, rehabilitation,
15 education, medical needs, mental health, and substance abuse."

16 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
17 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
18 begun before its effective date.

19 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
20 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Youth Service Centers; Transfer of Youth; Courts; Parental Consent

Description:

Requires, before a youth may be transferred from a youth service center to another facility, that the youth service center provide parents and guardians with notice of the effects of the transfer on the youth and further requires parental consent to the transfer.

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