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Act No. 160 (S.224). Judiciary; family procedures; juvenile proceedings

An act relating to juvenile proceedings

This act makes a number of changes to the law governing procedures for justice-involved youths, including extending from July 1, 2022, to July 1, 2023, the final implementation of the Raise the Age initiative that raises the age of the upper limit for juvenile jurisdiction; making clarifications to ensure that victims of juvenile offenses can obtain the compensation and restitution they are entitled to under current law permitting crime victims to discuss their personal experiences as victims of a juvenile offense without violating juvenile confidentiality requirements; permitting the victim in a juvenile or youthful offender proceeding to be accompanied by a victim's advocate at any court proceeding where the victim is ordered to attend or has a right to attend; making rights of victims consistent in juvenile and youthful offender proceedings; establishing criteria for the court to consider when making the existing statutory finding that public safety will be protected before granting a motion for treatment as a youthful offender; permitting the court to order a psychosexual evaluation in certain types of cases to help determine appropriate conditions of probation in a juvenile case plan; and requiring DCF to report to the Senate Committees on Judiciary and on Institutions and the House Committees on Judiciary and on Corrections and Institutions by December 1, 2022, on the availability of secure placements and transitional housing for 18- and 19-year-olds subject to juvenile and youthful offender proceedings.

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