

Senate Bill 19-108 Overview: Committee on Juvenile Justice Reform

Section 24-33.50-2401 of Senate Bill 19-108 creates the Committee on Juvenile Justice Reform. Pursuant to Section 24-33.50-2402, the committee is responsible for the following duties:

- 1. Adoption and Use of Validated Risk and Needs Assessment: The selected risk and needs assessment tool or tools shall be used statewide to assist:**
 - a. juvenile courts in determining actions to take for juveniles subject to the jurisdiction of the juvenile court;
 - b. the Division of Youth Services in the development of case and reentry plans and the determination of supervision levels for juveniles committed to the Department of Human Services; and
 - c. juvenile probation departments in the development of case plans and the determination of supervision levels for juvenile places on probation

Key Activity	Timeline
Select a validated risk and needs assessment tool or tools	September 1, 2019
Select a qualified vendor or national provider of risk assessment technical assistance to assist with the adoption and implementation of risk and needs assessment, risk screening, and mental health screening tools	July 1, 2020
Determine the population of juveniles for which the assessment must be conducted prior to disposition, in custody of DYS, or under probation supervision	January 1, 2021
Determine the time frame prior to disposition and regular intervals thereafter that the assessment must be conducted	January 1, 2021
Establish policies for how the results of the assessments are compiled and shared and with whom	January 1, 2021
Establish policies for the utilization of the assessment tool to guide supervision levels and the length of time on supervision, develop individualized conditions of juvenile probation and develop case plans	January 1, 2021
Develop a plan to conduct a validation study of the validated risk assessment tool or tools	January 1, 2021
Develop a plan to collect and report data annually on the results of the assessments	January 1, 2021
Calculate the fiscal cost of collecting and reporting the data required in the plan	January 1, 2021

- 2. Adoption and Use of a Validated Mental Health Screening Tool: Before the sentencing of a juvenile, the court shall:**
- a. order a mental health screening using the selected tool OR
 - b. make a finding that the screening would not provide information that would be helpful in sentencing the juvenile

Key Activity	Timeline
Select a validated mental health tool or tools that uses an accepted standard of practice	January 1, 2021

- 3. Adoption and Use of a Validated Risk Screening Tool: The risk screening tool shall be used statewide to:**
- a. inform district attorney decisions on a juvenile’s eligibility for diversion
 - b. the level and intensity of supervision for juvenile diversion
 - c. the length of supervision for juvenile diversion; and
 - d. what services if any may be offered to the juvenile

Key Activity	Timeline
Select a validated risk screening tool to be implemented pursuant to 19-2-303	January 1, 2021

- 4. Shared Outcome Measures for Service Providers: All service providers receiving state funds and serving juveniles placed on probation and parole must track and report on a set of shared outcome measures**

Key Activity	Timeline
Identify shared outcome measures, in collaboration with the child welfare services task force	January 1, 2021
Develop a plan for how the Department of Human Services and the Judicial Department shall collect these data	January 1, 2021
Establish policies for evaluating the effectiveness of service providers including time frames and who is responsible for conducting the evaluations	January 1, 2021
Develop a plan for the Department of Human Services and the Judicial Department to report on the outcome measures	January 1, 2021

- 5. Shared Outcome Measures Local and State Agencies**

Key Activity	Timeline
Identify shared outcome measures for diversion, juvenile probation, and the Division of Youth Services, including a common definition of recidivism	January 1, 2021