

Committee on Criminal Justice

CS/SB 1694 — Support for Parental Victims of Child Domestic Violence

by Rules Committee and Senator Torres

The bill requires the Department of Juvenile Justice, in collaboration with organizations that provide expertise, training, and advocacy in the areas of family and domestic violence, to develop materials detailing the resources and services available for parents and legal guardians who are victims of domestic violence. The materials must include the resources available for a child who has committed acts of domestic violence or who has demonstrated behaviors that may escalate to domestic violence.

The bill specifies which resources and services need to be included in the materials and that the Department of Juvenile Justice must post the materials on its website. The materials must also be available to certified domestic violence centers and other specified entities.

The bill requires the issues involved in child-to-parent domestic violence cases to be included in the domestic violence portion of a law enforcement officer's basic skills course for his or her initial certification.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2017.

Vote: Senate 35-0; House 120-0