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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
Comm: RCS	.	
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The Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs (Detert) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 119 - 142  
and insert:

(11) OVERREPRESENTATION OF SPECIFIC GROUPS OF YOUTH.—When specific groups of youth are overrepresented based upon their gender, ethnicity, or socioeconomic status in the juvenile justice system, the department shall examine and revise its strategies, policies, and practices to ensure that all youth are treated equally, without jeopardizing public safety. The department shall solicit input from community stakeholders and



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12 affected citizens to assist in the modification of strategies,  
13 policies, and practices to reduce overrepresentation. For the  
14 purpose of this subsection, the term "overrepresented" means a  
15 condition whereby a larger proportion of a particular group of  
16 youth is present at any stage of the juvenile justice system  
17 than would be expected based upon their percentage of their  
18 overall youth population in this state.

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20 ===== T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T =====

21 And the title is amended as follows:

22       Delete lines 14 - 16

23 and insert:

24       principles of restorative justice; requiring the  
25       Department of Juvenile Justice to examine and revise  
26       its strategies, policies, and practices whenever a  
27       specific group of youth is over-represented based upon  
28       their gender, ethnicity, or socioeconomic status in  
29       the juvenile justice system to ensure that all youth  
30       are treated equally; defining the term  
31       "overrepresentation;"