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 Component Probation Services
 Sponsor Coghill
 Requester House HSS Component Number 2134

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2010	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services								
Travel	13.0		13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0
Contractual	27.0		27.0	27.0	27.0	27.0	27.0	27.0
Supplies	5.0		5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Equipment								
Land & Structures								
Grants & Claims								
Miscellaneous								
TOTAL OPERATING	45.0	0.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES								
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CHANGE IN REVENUES (
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts								
1003 GF Match								
1004 GF	45.0		45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0
1005 GF/Program Receipts								
1037 GF/Mental Health								
Other Interagency Receipts								
TOTAL	45.0	0.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2009) cost: _____

POSITIONS

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Since 1960, the Interstate Compact on Juveniles has provided states, including Alaska, with the procedural means to regulate the movement of court-supervised juveniles across state lines. Approximately 160 juveniles under the supervision of the Department of Health and Social Services leave or enter Alaska each year. This bill would place a new, extensively revised compact into Alaska statute replacing the current compact. The new compact seeks to correct deficiencies in the existing compact that have been identified at the national level with regard to administration, rules, enforcement procedures, financial management, communications and data sharing.

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ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

Participation in the new compact requires that the state council implement and oversee compact functions. However, because some of the membership requirements for the juvenile compact council are the same as those required for the Alaska State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision, the state intends to have a single state council oversee both compacts. Combining the two responsibilities under the authority of a single council will save the state the effort and duplication of creating and managing two councils with similar functions.

Being part of the new compact will create additional costs to the division. Costs include the following:

- \$13.0 Travel associated with membership participation, including travel to required meetings by staff
- \$27.0 Membership Dues, teleconferences, overhead costs that include chargeback, etc.
- \$ 5.0 Supplies for staff and required meetings

Dues to participate in the current compact are \$400 per year. Dues to participate in the new compact are expected to be \$14,000 per year.

The cost estimates for the participation in the state council only reflect those anticipated for the operations for the juvenile justice compact and do not include operational and other costs associated with the ongoing adult council activities. The existing adult council has not had in-person meetings for several years, and at least initially the division anticipates that such meetings will be necessary to address the added juvenile justice functions. The travel costs reflected in this fiscal note are again only intended to portray the costs for the juvenile compact activities. The travel costs also reflect the intent that council members represent all areas of the state.

A possible one-time additional cost to the division may also be incurred by adoption of this bill. The new compact will require use of a national database management system that may need to communicate with the division's MIS. The national system is still under development. Without knowing when the new system will be available, or how difficult it will be to link the two systems, we are not prepared to estimate a cost at this time. The division may need to make a specific request to meet this cost at some point in the future.

In addition, the division will be monitoring the amount of additional staff time required to participate in the new compact. At some point an increment request may be needed to fund a position if absorption of these duties is too challenging for our existing staff. The division needs to ensure we do not hamper our ability to research, apply for, and successfully win grants, such as the federal Re-Entry and Gang Prevention grants that have been invaluable in improving public safety and helping the state monitor and improve its response to gang issues. If the increase in workload forces staff to spend less time involved in the management of existing programs (these include the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Formula Program, the Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws program, Title V, Juvenile Accountability Block Grants, Bureau of Justice Assistance grant management, and Youth Court earmark) current federal funding that the division receives could be at risk.