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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

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1 Amend C.S.H.B. No. 1 (house committee printing) in Article V
2 of the bill, following the appropriations to the Juvenile Justice
3 Department (page V-36), by adding the following appropriately
4 numbered rider:

5 _____. Study on Closing Juvenile Secure Facilities. (a) Out of
6 funds appropriated above, the Juvenile Justice Department (JJD)
7 shall conduct a study to determine the feasibility of closing, not
8 later than September 1, 2030, the secure facilities operated by
9 JJD. The study must:

10 (1) identify the services provided to juveniles in
11 each facility;

12 (2) identify which facilities could be closed if the
13 services described by Subdivision (1) of this rider were offered by
14 local juvenile probation departments;

15 (3) make recommendations for risk assessment
16 instruments to be used by JJD to determine whether a juvenile can
17 safely be returned to the county in which the juvenile was
18 adjudicated;

19 (4) identify the order and timeline in which the
20 facilities should be closed;

21 (5) determine the contracts that would be necessary to
22 move juveniles out of each facility;

23 (6) examine whether JJD should collaborate with the
24 Department of Criminal Justice to move juveniles into special
25 population facilities operated by the Department of Criminal
26 Justice;

27 (7) examine whether JJD should contract with large
28 urban counties to provide supervision or services for juveniles
29 released from JJD facilities and the juveniles' families; and

1 (8) if JJD determines that it is not feasible to close
2 one or more JJD secure facilities before September 1, 2030,
3 describe the:

4 (A) reasons a facility cannot be closed and the
5 methods used to make that determination;

6 (B) reasons the issues preventing closure cannot
7 be resolved;

8 (C) capacity levels of a facility that would make
9 closure feasible, if applicable;

10 (D) use of any of those remaining facilities and
11 the population served by each facility; and

12 (E) predicted timeline for closing any remaining
13 facilities, if any.

14 (b) Not later than September 1, 2020, JJD shall report the
15 results of the study to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and
16 each member of the legislature.