

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 3116
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County Affairs
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

It has been suggested that individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities are overrepresented in the criminal justice system, yet still fail to receive adequate accommodations based on their unique needs. There have been calls for more training opportunities to identify, support, and communicate with people with these disabilities. H.B. 3116 seeks to address these issues by creating a task force to conduct a comprehensive study on the best practices for the detention of these individuals.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 3116 establishes a task force to conduct a comprehensive study on best practice standards for the detention of a person with an intellectual or developmental disability. The bill requires the study to identify and make recommendations regarding certain matters with respect to the detention of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The bill requires the Commission on Jail Standards (TCJS) to appoint the members of the task force and provides for the composition of the task force and the presiding officer.

H.B. 3116 requires the task force to prepare and submit, not later than December 1, 2020, a written report to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the presiding officers of the standing committees of the senate and house of representatives having primary jurisdiction over issues relating to criminal justice. The bill requires TCJS to make the report available to the public on the TCJS website. The bill abolishes the task force and the bill expires on September 1, 2021.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2019.