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**TO:** Honorable Victoria Neave, Chair, House Committee on Juvenile Justice & Family Issues

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2821** by White (Relating to the diversion of certain foster youth from the juvenile justice system, including through emergency behavior intervention by certain persons providing foster care services.),  
**As Introduced**

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would amend Family Code to require juvenile court intake staff, instead of proceeding with a juvenile case, to refer a child residing in a General Residential Operation (GRO) to a community resource coordination group (CRCG), a local-level interagency staffing group, or other community juvenile service providers.

The bill would amend Human Resources Code to require residential child-care facilities to expand behavior intervention training for staff to include crisis response training. The bill would also require the juvenile board to establish policies to defer children from referral to a prosecuting attorney and limit detention of children in GROs as well as require certain data collection.

Based on analysis of the Department of Family and Protective Services, the Juvenile Justice Department (JJD), and the Office of Court Administration, it is assumed that the costs associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within existing resources. It is also assumed that there would be no significant impact on state correctional populations or on the demand for state correctional resources.

**Local Government Impact**

Based on information from JJD, there could be costs to juvenile probation departments for increases in the number of referrals for CRCG services but fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined at this time.

**Source Agencies:** 212 Office of Court Admin, 530 Family & Protective Services, 644 Juvenile Justice Department

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