

SB2156



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/7/2025, by Sen. Rachel Ventura

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

730 ILCS 5/3-2.5-105 new

Amends the Unified Code of Corrections. Creates the Juvenile Detention Center Strategic Utilization Task Force to review and study the necessity of juvenile detention centers, complaints that arise out of the county juvenile detention centers in the State, and community-based alternatives to juvenile detention. Includes provisions about Task Force membership and duties. Provides that on or before January 1, 2026, the Task Force shall publish a final report of its findings and recommendations. Repeals the provisions on January 1, 2027. Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Unified Code of Corrections is amended by
5 adding Section 3-2.5-105 as follows:

6 (730 ILCS 5/3-2.5-105 new)

7 Sec. 3-2.5-105. Juvenile Detention Center Strategic
8 Utilization Task Force.

9 (a) The Juvenile Detention Center Strategic Utilization
10 Task Force is created. The purpose of the Task Force is to
11 review and study the necessity of juvenile detention centers,
12 complaints that arise out of the county juvenile detention
13 centers in the State, and community-based alternatives to
14 juvenile detention.

15 (b) The Task Force shall consist of the following members:

16 (1) A member of the Senate appointed by the President
17 of the Senate.

18 (2) A member of the Senate appointed by the Minority
19 Leader of the Senate.

20 (3) A member of the House appointed by the Speaker of
21 the House.

22 (4) A member of the House appointed by the Minority
23 Leader of the House.

1 (5) A member appointed by the Director of Juvenile
2 Justice.

3 (6) A member appointed by the Director of Human
4 Rights.

5 (7) A member appointed by the Independent Juvenile
6 Ombudsperson.

7 (8) A member appointed by the Independent Juvenile
8 Ombudsperson who represents an organization that advocates
9 for a community-based rehabilitation or systems impacted
10 individuals.

11 (9) A member appointed by the Independent Juvenile
12 Ombudsperson who represents an organization that advocates
13 for juvenile justice reform.

14 (10) A member appointed by the Illinois Juvenile
15 Justice Commission.

16 (11) A member appointed by the Director of the
17 Governor's Office of Management and Budget.

18 (12) Two members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor
19 who are members of a county board of a county operating a
20 county detention facility.

21 (13) Two members appointed by the Director of Juvenile
22 Justice who are over the age 18 and who have served any
23 amount of time in a county juvenile detention facility.

24 (c) Appointments to the Task Force shall be made within 30
25 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the
26 104th General Assembly. Members shall serve without

1 compensation.

2 (d) The Task Force shall meet at the call of a cochair at
3 least quarterly to fulfill its duties. The members appointed
4 by the Senate President and Speaker of the House of
5 Representatives shall serve as cochairs of the Task Force.

6 (e) The Task Force shall:

7 (1) engage community organizations, interested groups,
8 and members of the public for the purpose of assessing:

9 (A) community-based alternatives to detention and
10 the adoption and implementation of such alternatives;

11 (B) the needs of juveniles detained in county
12 detention facilities;

13 (C) strategic planning for a transition away from
14 juvenile detention facilities; and

15 (D) if there would be a benefit for the State to
16 run detention centers for persons awaiting sentencing
17 or court determination for extreme cases in lieu of
18 counties providing this service;

19 (2) review available research and data on the benefits
20 of community-based alternatives to detention versus the
21 benefits of juvenile detention;

22 (3) review complaints and instances of noncompliance
23 arising out of each county juvenile detention facility in
24 the State; and

25 (4) make recommendations or suggestions for changes to
26 the County Shelter Care and Detention Home Act and the

1 Unified Code of Corrections, including changes and
2 improvements to the juvenile detention system.

3 (f) On or before January 1, 2026, the Task Force shall
4 publish a final report of its findings and recommendations.
5 The report shall, at a minimum, detail findings and
6 recommendations related to the duties of the Task Force and
7 the following:

8 (1) the process and standards used to determine
9 whether a juvenile will be detained in a county facility;

10 (2) information and recommendations on detention
11 facility standards, including how to ensure compliance
12 with minimum standards, which facilities are chronically
13 noncompliant and reasons for noncompliance, including
14 specific instances of noncompliance, and penalties for
15 noncompliance; and

16 (3) strategic planning suggestions to transition away
17 from juvenile detention.

18 The final report shall be submitted to the General
19 Assembly, the Offices of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor,
20 the Chief Judge of each circuit court operating a county
21 detention facility, the county board of each county operating
22 a county detention facility, and the Office of the Attorney
23 General.

24 (g) The Department of Juvenile Justice shall provide
25 administrative support for the Task Force.

26 (h) This Section is repealed on January 1, 2027.

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
2 becoming law.