

BILL SUMMARY
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Impact:	Potential savings in transportation and employee duties

Bill Summary

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Modifies the duties of the Office of Juvenile System Oversight at OCCY by giving the office the responsibility of monitoring only those agencies that are not licensed by DHS and deletes responsibility for monitoring state operated children's facilities.

Fiscal Summary

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HB 2032 states the Office of Juvenile System Oversight shall have the responsibility of investigating and reporting, inquiring into areas of concern, investigate complaints, and monitor the agencies. The measure also eliminates the Office of Juvenile System Oversight from conducting the unannounced inspections of the institutions and facilities they currently perform.

Fiscal Analysis

This legislation states that while the Office of Juvenile System Oversight shall have the responsibility of investigating and reporting, inquiring into areas of concern, investigate complaints, and monitor the agencies, the Office of Juvenile System Oversight shall not conduct the unannounced inspections to the institutions and facilities they currently do.

The Office of Juvenile Affairs has the potential of seeing a reduction in transportation costs since the Office of Juvenile System Oversight shall not conduct the unannounced inspections to the institutions and facilities. OJA may also have the option of reducing employees who may currently be conducting the unannounced inspections that are being eliminated by this measure.

Long Term Fiscal Considerations

According to the OJA, if the Office of Juvenile System Oversight holds the responsibility of investigating and reporting, inquiring into areas of concern, investigate complaints, and monitor agencies, they could suffer by not being able to make their own unannounced inspection site-visits and just relying on the accuracy of other reporting agencies.

While wanting to reduce duplicate services, preventing the unannounced inspection visits may, in OJA's opinion, limit the Office of Juvenile System Oversight from performing the duties they will be held responsible for.

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