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Bill Analysis

SB 946 requires city and county jail facilities to provide notification to the State Department of Health when detaining a juvenile within 24 hours of such detention. Juveniles may not be held in such facilities longer than 6 hours. While detained in such facilities, juveniles must be segregated from the adult population. The measure directs the Department to include in its standards of care for inmates provisions for medical services, inmate supervision, staffing and training, and emergency procedures. Fixed sleeping surfaces at least 12 inches off the floor must be provided to inmates. Staff shall be available to perform sensitive functions and procedures as necessary and to accommodate inmate gender, the infirm, or the holding of juveniles. The measure requires all cells to have at least 35 square feet of unencumbered walking floor space for the initial inmate and at least 20 square feet of additional unencumbered floor space for each additional inmate. The measure authorizes the request for a waiver. The measure provides that if deficiencies are found, the administrator of the facility must submit a written response to the Department that includes the facility's plan to address the cited deficiencies in the inspection report.

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