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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 329

As Amended by House Committee of the Whole

Brief*

SB 329, as amended, would allow a court, when sentencing a juvenile offender, to order the offender's parent to participate in "any evidence-based program designed to rehabilitate the juvenile," including, but not limited to, programs listed in current law. The revised Juvenile Justice Code currently allows a court to order the offender's parent to participate in counseling, mediation sessions, an alcohol and drug evaluation and treatment program, or parenting classes.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Judiciary at the request of Senator Knox and the Fifth Judicial District. As introduced, the bill would have allowed a court to order an offender's parent to participate in a "court sponsored program designed to rehabilitate a juvenile" offender other than those listed in current law. In the Senate Committee hearing, a district judge from the Fifth Judicial District testified in support of the bill, stating it would provide more flexibility for the District's Home Court program. There was no opponent testimony.

The Senate Committee recommended the bill be placed on the consent calendar.

In the House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice, Representative Hill testified in support of the bill. A district judge from the Fifth Judicial District and the Secretary

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of Corrections submitted written testimony supporting the bill. The House Committee amended the bill to permit a court to order participation in any evidence-based program.

The House Committee of the Whole amended the bill to specify that any court-ordered program must be “designed to rehabilitate the juvenile.”

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, indicates the bill would have no fiscal effect.