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Bill: HF 518/SF327
Committee: Judiciary
Date: 3/22/2011
Member: Rep. Pearson
Staff: Amanda Freel (1-5230)

Summary

This bill removes the requirement that delinquency proceedings be dismissed when a child is committed for mental illness treatment.

Summary of Action

- Committee 3/1/2011 (20-1)
 - Passed House Amended to SF 327 3/22/11 (90-1)
 - Signed by Governor 3/30/11
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Section-by-Section Analysis

Section I Disposition of Child With Mental Illness or Mental Retardation

A child who is in juvenile court for committing a delinquent act shall not have the charge dismissed if the child is civilly committed for treatment as a child with mental retardation or mental illness. If the child is committed prior to the adjudicatory or dispositional hearing in court, the delinquency proceeding is suspended until the end of the civil commitment or the child is released for outpatient treatment. In a case like this, the time line for a speedy trial does not begin while the child is in treatment.