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Post 2025 Session

- Budget and Policy.
- No additional funding approved for community corrections grants.
- Delete \$10 million from the juvenile evidence-based practices (EBP) fund.
- Add \$2.2 million from EBP fund to the fund for JAG-K.
- Add \$1 million from EBP fund for the O'Connell Children's Shelter in Douglas County.
(The Governor vetoed this funding but they Legislature overrode the veto.)

Juvenile Issues

- Status and future of Evidence Based Practices Fund.
- House Bill 2329: Changes to juvenile offender code, out-of-home placements, EBPF expenditures, pending action during 2026 session.
 - https://www.kslegislature.gov/li/b2025_26/measures/documents/supp_note_hb2329_02_00_00.pdf

Interim Issues and Preparations for 2026

- 2025 Interim Joint Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice issues:
 - Community Corrections Funding Formula.
 - Consolidation of field services into a single agency.
 - Review judicial fees/surcharges; Explore community services and programs not addressed after SB 367, including residential settings.
 - Youth involved involved in crimes with firearms.
 - Review juveniles in offender registration act.

Interim Issues and Preparations for 2026

- Legislative Budget Process Year 2.
- Possible Legislation for 2026: HB 2329 juvenile services.
 - Juvenile Placement Matrix: Moderate/high risk facility placement option
 - Juvenile Sentencing Alternatives: Up to there 15-bed youth res. facilities, \$10 m EBPA
 - Possession and use of firearms. Direct facility placement 12-24 months.
 - Emergency shelters and therapeutic foster homes: Require contracting for beds.
 - Detention limits; risk override: Extend limit from 45 to 90 cumulative; firearm use direct direct placement override.

Other Legislation Still Alive

- HB 2312. Excluding certain offenders convicted of a nonperson felony from participation in certified drug abuse treatment programs and authorizing community correctional services officers to complete criminal risk-need assessments for divertees who are committed to such programs. Passed the House, in conference committee.
- HB 2192. Limiting or prohibiting work release for people convicted of a second or third offense of domestic battery. Passed House and Senate, in conference committee.
- HB 2327. Requiring the secretary of corrections to assist inmates with obtaining identification and employment related documentation prior to release from custody. Passed House and will be in conference committee.

Questions and Wrap Up

- Thank you