

1 **SHB 1901 - H AMD 115 ADOPTED 3-14-91**

2 By Representatives Wineberry, Appelwick, Ebersole, McLean,  
3 Leonard, Hargrove and Padden

4 On page 3, after line 2, insert the following: "NEW SECTION  
5 Sec. 2. The department of social and health services, in  
6 cooperation with the commission on African American affairs, shall  
7 contract for an independent study of racial disproportionality in  
8 the juvenile justice system. The study shall identify key decision  
9 points in the juvenile justice system where race and/or ethnicity-  
10 based disproportionality exists in the treatment and incarceration  
11 of juvenile offenders. The study shall identify the causes of  
12 disproportionality, and propose new policies and procedures to  
13 address disproportionality.

14 The department shall submit the study's preliminary findings and  
15 recommendations to the juvenile justice task force established  
16 under section one of this act by September 13, 1991. The final  
17 report shall be submitted to the appropriate committees of the  
18 legislature by December 1, 1991.

19 The juvenile justice task force shall utilize the information on  
20 disproportionality in developing its report and recommendations to  
21 the legislature required under section one of this act."

EFFECT: Requires the Department of Social and Health Services to contract for an independent study of racial disproportionality in the juvenile justice system and present the information gathered to the Juvenile Justice Task Force and appropriate legislative committees.