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Brief Title: Ordering a study of community residential facilities.

HB 2570.E - DIGEST

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Directs the department of social and health services, within existing funds, to conduct a special study of the contracts, operations, and monitoring of community residential facilities that house juvenile offenders who are under the jurisdiction of the department's juvenile rehabilitation administration.

Directs the department to enter into a contract with an independent consultant to conduct the study.

Requires the independent consultant to investigate and report on community residential security, staffing, and operation; offender intake and assessment procedures; employee hiring practices and background checks; violations and infractions committed by offenders; and community notification and participation in the facility siting and offender placement process.

Requires the independent contractor to consult with nearby residents, local sheriffs and police chiefs, courts, probation departments, schools, and employers in the community in which the community residential facility is located.

Directs the governor's juvenile justice advisory committee to conduct a study of juvenile detention standards.