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AMENDMENT MEMO



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2025 Senate Bill 111 was recommended for introduction by the Joint Legislative Council's Study Committee on Emergency Detention and Civil Commitment of Minors. The bill specifies that if a minor is approved for emergency detention, the county that approves the detention is responsible for transportation to the emergency detention facility. This includes responsibility for placing the minor in custody and the cost of transportation. The bill provides that a county may contract with a law enforcement agency, ambulance service, or third-party vendor for the transportation. A county may utilize law enforcement to provide the transportation only if that is the least restrictive and most appropriate method, or is the only reasonable available alternative. This restriction only applies, however, if the Department of Health Services (DHS) receives any necessary federal approval for Medical Assistance funding. If a county utilizes law enforcement for transportation, the law enforcement agency may also contract for the transportation.

The bill specifies that the county responsible for transportation of a minor to an emergency detention facility may submit a request for reimbursement to DHS. DHS may establish standards for allowable costs that must be reimbursed for transportation provided for a minor after the bill takes effect. For a minor who is enrolled in the Medical Assistance program, DHS may provide the reimbursement under that program if allowed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

As relevant to the amendment, the bill includes a placeholder to add a sum sufficient appropriation in DHS's schedule under the biennial state budget to provide reimbursement for the cost of transporting a minor to an emergency detention facility. A sum sufficient appropriation is expendable in the amounts necessary to accomplish the specified purpose, and the dollar amount in the schedule represents the most reliable estimate of the amount that will be needed.

SENATE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Amendment 1 revises the funding placeholder from a sum sufficient appropriation to a biennial appropriation. A biennial appropriation is expendable only for the biennium for which the appropriation is made, and the dollar amounts in the schedule represent the most reliable estimate of the fiscal year amounts that will be expended within the total biennial appropriation.

BILL HISTORY

Senator James offered Senate Amendment 1 on June 16, 2025. On June 18, 2025, the Senate adopted the amendment and passed the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 18; Noes, 14.

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's [bill history page](#).

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