

(2) develop standards for juvenile detention in facilities operated by the Department and private agencies under contract with the Department by considering:

(i) policies favoring nonsecure detention alternatives to allow for the least restrictive interim status appropriate to an accused juvenile;

(ii) prohibitions on the placement in a secure detention facility of juveniles not charged with a crime;

(iii) a requirement of population limits for each juvenile detention facility;

(iv) specifications for the architectural structure of juvenile detention facilities;

(v) a requirement for educational, health, mental health, and substance abuse services;

(vi) staff qualifications, training, and the ratio of staff to juveniles in a juvenile detention facility;

(vii) provisions regarding the rights of juveniles in juvenile detention, including a juvenile's privacy, the use of force on a juvenile, visitors, telephone use, and mail delivery;

(viii) authorization for the simultaneous housing in a nonsecure juvenile detention facility of juveniles charged with criminal offenses and juveniles held over for other reasons; and

(ix) the need for an annual inventory of each juvenile detention facility to determine the daily population, annual admissions, cost of detention, and qualifications and training of staff.

(c) (1) On or before November 15, 1999, the Department shall submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article.

(2) The final report shall include:

(i) recommendations on standards identified in subsection (b) of this Act for juvenile detention facilities operated by the Department or a private agency under contract with the Department;

(ii) recommendations on the time lines and costs associated with implementing the proposed standards; and

(iii) a model for independent monitoring of the Department's implementation of the juvenile detention standards.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1999.

Approved May 13, 1999.