

SENATE BILL SUMMARY

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SB 248 Juvenile Sentencing by Senator Wilson

Authorizes the court to sentence a juvenile using juvenile sanctions, adult sanctions, or a blend of both sanctions. Requires the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) to file a written report with the sentencing court if the department believes the child's sanction is inappropriate. Authorizes the court to place the child on probation. Requires the DJJ to notify the court no later than 30 days before it discharges a child from a sanction. Requires the court to review the child's educational needs assessment and make specific findings as to the child's educational status including, but not limited to, the child's strengths, abilities, and unmet and special educational needs. Authorizes the court to order as a condition of probation or commitment that the child attains appropriate educational goals such as attainment of a high school diploma or equivalent, successful completion of literacy courses or vocational courses, attendance and successful completion of the child's current grade if enrolled in school, or enrollment in an apprenticeship or similar program. (See bill for details)