

## **SENATE BILL SUMMARY**

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### SB 242 Restraints/Use During Juvenile Proceedings by Senator Wilson

Prohibits the use of instruments of restraint, such as handcuffs, chains, irons, or straitjackets, on a child during court proceedings or elsewhere in a courthouse.

Provides exceptions if restraints are necessary to prevent physical harm to the child or another person, a less restrictive alternative is not available which would prevent physical harm, or the child has a history of disruptive behavior in the courtroom which places others in potentially harmful situations or presents a substantial risk of inflicting bodily harm on others as evidenced by recent behavior.

Requires the Department of Juvenile Justice to comply with the Protective Action Response policy whenever mechanical restraints are used. (See bill for details)