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BILL SUMMARY

- Expands the circumstances in which a child taken into custody may be confined in a place of juvenile detention or placed in shelter care prior to the implementation of the court's final order of disposition to also permit the detention or shelter care if it is required because the child is a danger or threat to one or more other persons.
- Extends the time period in which an adjudicatory hearing must be held if the child who is the subject of the complaint is in detention or shelter care from not later than ten days after the filing of the complaint to not later than 15 days after the filing of the complaint.
- Requests the Supreme Court to modify the Juvenile Rules consistent with the changes made by the bill.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Places in which a child may and may not be held

Existing law

Generally, a child taken into custody may not be held in any state correctional institution, county, multicounty, or municipal jail or workhouse, or any other place where any adult convicted of crime, under arrest, or charged with crime is held. Also a child taken into custody may not be confined in a place of juvenile detention or placed in shelter care prior to the implementation of the court's final order of disposition, unless detention or shelter care is required: (1) to protect the child from immediate or threatened physical or emotional harm, (2) because the child may abscond or be removed from the jurisdiction of the court, (3) because the child has no parents, guardian, or custodian or other person able to provide supervision and care for the child and return the child to the court when

required, or (4) because an order for placement of the child in detention or shelter care has been made by the court pursuant to the Juvenile Code. (R.C. 2151.31(B)(2) and (C).) Juvenile Rule 7(A) contains similar prohibitions regarding a child taken into custody being placed in detention or shelter care.

Operation of the bill

The bill expands the circumstances in which a child taken into custody may be confined in a place of juvenile detention or placed in shelter care prior to the implementation of the court's final order of disposition to also permit the detention or shelter care if it is required because the child is a danger or threat to one or more other persons. The bill also requests the Supreme Court to promptly modify Juvenile Rule 7 pursuant to its authority under the Ohio Constitution to make that rule consistent with the amendments to R.C. 2151.31. (R.C. 2151.31(C); Section 6.)

Time in which adjudicatory hearing must be held

Existing law

Under existing law, the juvenile court must fix a time for an adjudicatory hearing no later than 72 hours after a juvenile complaint is filed. The court must conduct the adjudicatory hearing within a statutorily specified period of time. If the complaint alleged that the child violated certain juvenile smoking prohibitions or is a delinquent or unruly child or a juvenile traffic offender, the adjudicatory hearing must be held and may be continued in accordance with the Juvenile Rules. (R.C. 2151.28(A)(1).) Existing Juvenile Rule 29(A) requires the date for the adjudicatory hearing to be set when the complaint is filed or as soon thereafter as is practicable. If the child who is the subject of the complaint is in detention or shelter care, the hearing must be held not later than ten days after the filing of the complaint. Upon a showing of good cause, the Juvenile Rules permit the adjudicatory hearing to be continued and detention or shelter care extended.

Operation of the bill

The bill revises the time period in which the adjudicatory hearing must be held if the child who is the subject of the complaint is in detention or shelter care. Under the bill, if the child is in detention or shelter care, the hearing must be held not later than 15 days after the filing of the complaint. Upon a showing of good cause, the adjudicatory hearing may be continued and detention or shelter care extended. The bill also requests the Supreme Court to promptly modify Juvenile Rule 29 pursuant to its authority under the Ohio Constitution to make that rule consistent with the amendments to R.C. 2151.28. (R.C. 2151.28(A)(1) and (3); Section 6.)

Background--circumstances under which a child may be taken into custody

Under the Juvenile Code, a child may be taken into custody in any of the following ways (R.C. 2151.31(A)):

(1) Pursuant to an order of the court under the Juvenile Code or pursuant to an order of the court upon a motion filed pursuant to R.C. 2930.05(B);

(2) Pursuant to the laws of arrest;

(3) By a law enforcement officer or duly authorized officer of the court when certain conditions are present;

(4) By an appropriate enforcement official under the Unlawful Employment of Minors Laws;

(5) By a law enforcement officer or duly authorized officer of the court when there are reasonable grounds to believe that the child has run away from the child's parents, guardian, or other custodian;

(6) By a law enforcement officer or duly authorized officer of the court when there are reasonable grounds to believe that the conduct, conditions, or surroundings of the child are endangering the health, welfare, or safety of the child; a juvenile complaint has been filed with respect to the child and there are reasonable grounds to believe that the child may abscond or be removed from the jurisdiction of the court; or the child is required to appear in court and there are reasonable grounds to believe that the child will not be brought before the court when required.

Definitions

Detention

As used in the Juvenile Code, "detention" means the temporary care of children pending court adjudication or disposition, or execution of a court order, in a public or private facility designed to physically restrict the movement and activities of children (R.C. 2151.011(B)(13)).

Shelter care

As used in the Juvenile Code, "shelter" means the temporary care of children in physically unrestricted facilities pending court adjudication or disposition (R.C. 2151.011(B)(50)).

As used in the Juvenile Rules, "shelter care" means the temporary care of children in physically unrestricted facilities, pending court adjudication or disposition (Juvenile Rule 2(II)).

COMMENT

This bill raises questions regarding Section 5(B) of Article IV of the Ohio Constitution. That provision authorizes the Supreme Court to prescribe rules governing practice and procedure in all Ohio courts, which cannot abridge, enlarge, or modify any substantive right. All laws in conflict with these rules are of no further force or effect after the rules have taken effect. In *Rockey v. 84 Lumber Co.* (1993), 66 Ohio St.3d 221 (paragraph two of the syllabus), the Supreme Court held that such promulgated rules control over subsequently enacted inconsistent statutes purporting to govern procedural matters.

HISTORY

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