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AMENDMENT SUMMARY

Justice Systems Appropriations HF 2492

Status of Bill: House Floor

Committee: Appropriations (18-7)

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Summary

The proposed FY 2019 budget for the Justice Systems budget is \$586 million, including \$17.92 million in other funds. The general fund proposal for FY 2019 is \$568.4 million, which represents an increase of \$11.8 million from estimated FY 2018.

The Department of Corrections (DOC) would receive an increase by a proposed \$8.62 million compared to estimated FY 2018. The increase would include \$4.89 million additional funds to the Corrections Administration, and an additional \$3.3 million variously disbursed amongst the Correctional Institutions and Judicial Districts. Additionally, the bill would make the Department's funding conditional upon the Department prohibiting the Correctional Judicial Districts from using appropriated funds for salaries, support, or maintenance purposes to implement, develop, or use pretrial risk assessments. The Department's Judicial Districts must terminate any risk assessment pilot programs by December 31, 2018.

Amendment Summary

H-8437 to HF 2492 (Worthan): This amendment makes the following changes to HF 2492:

- Requires the Commissioner of Department of Public Safety (DPS) to appoint an Administrator of the Fire Services Training Bureau as a condition of DPS appropriation rather than creating and appropriating funds for the Fire Service Training Bureau Administrator;
- Removes the creation and \$1 million appropriation from the Iowa skilled worker and job creation fund for the DOC regional housing project;
- Inserts HF 2154 language (unmanned aerial vehicle), which passed out of the Public Safety Committee 19-0, but was never debated on the House floor. HF 2154 defines 'unmanned aerial vehicle' as a vehicle or device that uses aerodynamic forces and is remotely piloted. This bill would prohibit anyone from operating such vehicle in, on, or above DOC property. Two exemptions to this rule would include: (1) law enforcement operating the aerial vehicle and (2) the operator received authorization from the DOC. A person who violates this would commit a class 'D' felony.
- Creates a public safety assessment pilot program which would terminate until the General Assembly has authorized the program's use. The program is prohibited from being utilized in pretrial hearings to determine whether a defendant should be released or detained prior to trial.

H-8413 to HF 2492 (Olson): This amendment removes language that requires the Department of Corrections to terminate pre-trial risk assessment programs by December 31, 2018.

H-8440 to HF 2492 (Kearns): This amendment prohibits any funds deposited in the Department of Public Safety trust fund to be used or transferred for the use of privatizing Department of Corrections. Additionally,

this amendment reinserts language prohibiting DOC funds from being used to distribute sexually explicit materials to inmates, which would create a positive vote.

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