

ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF YAP
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Bill No. 11-14

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To establish a Juvenile Detention and Rehabilitation Center in Yap State, to provide structured, secure, and rehabilitative services for juvenile offenders, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Yap.

1 Section 1. Title. This Act shall be referred to as
2 the "Yap State Juvenile Detention and Rehabilitation
3 Center".

4 Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of this act is to:

5 (a) Establish a Juvenile detention Center to
6 provide a safe, secure and rehabilitate area for
7 delinquents;

8 (b) Ensure that juveniles who are in conflict
9 with the law receive appropriate care, rehabilitation, and
10 education, with the goal of reintegration into society as
11 productive citizens; and

12 (c) Provide an alternative to disciplinary
13 measures by focusing on rehabilitation, restorative justice
14 and the development of pro-social behaviors.

1 Section 3. Definitions. Unless the context otherwise
2 requires, as used herein:

3 (a) "Juvenile" means a person under the age of 18
4 who has been formally judged as having committed a
5 delinquent act;

6 (b) "Detention Center" means a facility designated
7 for the temporary custody of juveniles who have been charged
8 with criminal offenses and are awaiting trial or serving a
9 sentence;

10 (c) "Rehabilitation" means programs or plans
11 designed specifically to assist in changing for the better
12 juveniles and juvenile delinquents negative behavior and
13 actions; and

14 (d) "Restorative Justice" a reconciliation and
15 mediation process that involves the juvenile, their family,
16 the victim and the community in seeking appropriate measures
17 to restore relationships and harmony within the community
18 damaged by the juvenile's actions.

19 Section 4. Juvenile Detention Center. There is hereby
20 established a Juvenile Detention Center, with facilities to
21 be designed and the locations designated by the Governor.

1 (a) Facility Design: The Detention center shall
2 be designed to meet international standards for juvenile
3 detention facilities including:

4 (b) Adequate space for housing juveniles in
5 separate age-appropriate and gender-segregated facilities.

6 (c) Education facilities to provide juvenile
7 detainees with access to formal education vocational
8 training.

9 (d) Counseling and mental health services to
10 address emotional and psychological needs.

11 (e) Recreational and physical fitness programs to
12 promote overall well-being.

13 (f) The center shall be staffed with appropriate
14 personnel:

15 (1) Juvenile correction officers.

16 (2) Educators and Counselors.

17 (3) Medical and mental health professionals.

18 Section 5. Admission and Classification. A Juvenile
19 may be admitted to the detention center if:

20 (a) Juvenile is charged with a criminal offense
21 and has been remanded by a court.

1 (b) The juvenile is awaiting trial, sentencing or
2 placement in a long-term facility.

3 (c) Upon admission, juveniles shall be classed
4 based on age, gender, offense and risk assessment and shall
5 be placed in an appropriate unit.

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7 Section 6. Rehabilitation programs. The Juvenile
8 detention center shall have in-house or access to social
9 programs, which include but are not limited to:

10 (a) Juveniles shall have access to formal
11 education, including primary, secondary and vocational
12 training.

13 (b) Juveniles shall receive counseling services
14 to address behavioral, emotional and psychological issues,
15 including drug or alcohol dependency, trauma and anger
16 management.

17 (c) Programs shall be designed to teach juveniles
18 skills such as conflict resolution, decision making and
19 responsibility, preparing them for reintegration into
20 society.

1 (d) Restorative Justice Programs: The center will
2 facilitate such programs, where juveniles are encouraged to
3 take responsibility for their actions and repair harm caused
4 to victims and the community.

5 Section 7. Monitoring and Evaluation. The Department
6 of Health And Social Services, in partnership with
7 Judiciary/Legislative, shall be responsible for overseeing
8 the operation and management of the Center. The center's
9 Programs and effectiveness shall be evaluated annually to
10 ensure that they are achieving their goals of rehabilitation
11 and reintegration. Independent audits shall be conducted
12 to ensure accountability and transparency in the use of
13 public funds. The Department of Health and Social services
14 shall submit an annual report to Yap State Legislature,
15 including recommendations for improvements to the juvenile
16 justice system.

17 Section 8: Funding. Yap Government shall allocate
18 necessary funds to start the construction, staffing and
19 programs for the JDRC. Yap Government shall allocate an
20 appropriate annual budget to determine for operation, staff
21 salaries, maintenance, etc. Yap Government may seek

1 additional financial assistance from external sources to
2 fund in supporting juvenile justice and rehabilitation
3 efforts.

4 Section 9: Transitional Support. Upon release from the
5 Juvenile Detention Center, juveniles shall be provided with:

6 (a) Post-Detention Reintegration services which
7 may include family counseling, job placement
8 assistance, and continuing education or
9 vocational training.

10 (b) Mentorship and Supervision for those who have
11 completed their sentence shall be provided
12 with mentoring programs and, where
13 appropriate, continued supervision in the
14 community to ensure a successful
15 reintegration.

16 Section 10. This Act shall take effect upon its
17 approval by the Governor, or upon its becoming law without
18 such approval.

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Introduced by: 

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