

ADVISORY GROUP ON Efficiency and Benchmarking **PROPOSAL #:** AGEB # 9A
SUBJECT: Student Suspension/Youth Challenge/JAG **DATE ADOPTED BY ADVISORY GROUP:** 10-19-09
COMMISSION ACTION: AMENDED/ADOPTED **DATE:** 11-10-09 **RECOMMENDATION #:** 79

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Summary Description/Nature of Change	Key/Implementation Responsibilities	Need	Action Needed	Benefit/Saving	Done/ Study
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