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Bill to Reform Office of Juvenile Justice heard in Senate Committee on Judiciary B

April 27, 2022 – Senate Bill 323 by Sen. Heather Cloud, R-28, was heard in yesterday’s Senate Committee on Judiciary B. The bill would require the Office of Juvenile Justice to implement a tiered system of low risk, moderate and high-risk juveniles in an effort to secure facilities.

Sen. Cloud said, “The goal is rehabilitation. There is an opportunity while these juveniles are in our state’s facilities to provide them rehabilitation and equip them in all facets – whether it is health, education, or workforce needs. The current model is chaos, but this bill is a foundational bill to meet the needs of the youth by setting up a structure of success.”

During last week’s Judiciary B Committee meeting, Office of Juvenile Justice Secretary William Sommers outlined a detailed plan describing how the changes will be implemented throughout OJJ. Sen. Cloud said she is “encouraged to see Secretary Sommers on board with and engaged with the proposed reforms. I look forward to continue working with OJJ staff as we make the necessary improvements to secure our facilities and rehabilitate the youth.”

Click [here](#) to watch the proceedings from the Senate Committee on Judiciary B. To learn more about Sen. Cloud’s bill, click [here](#).

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