

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 57th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB2479
Version:	Committee Substitute
Request Number:	
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Date:	2/27/2019
Impact:	OJA cost: Approximately \$600

Research Analysis

HB2479, as committee substitute, would increase the Board of Juvenile Affairs from 7 to 9 members: 5 of whom appointed by the Governor, 2 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and 2 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. The measure also removes the Board's term limits, prohibits Board members from voting on issues in which they have direct financial interest, and makes the Executive Director of the Office of Juvenile Affairs an ex officio member. The measure removes the authority of the Board to appoint and determine the compensation of the Executive Director. The measure states that the appointment of the Executive Director by the Governor requires Senate approval.

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Fiscal Analysis

The CS for HB 2479 adds two new members to the Office of Juvenile Affairs Board. Bases on the travel reimbursement expenses of other state agencies, this is expected to result in an increased cost to the Office of Juvenile Affairs' of approximately \$600. The measure also modifies the appointing authority of the Board.

The measure also modifies the appointing authority for the OJA Executive Director, as well as the process by which the Director's salary is to be fixed. The measure does not directly establish the salary of the Director. It is unknown if the new process will result in increases or decreases in the Director's salary for future years.

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Other Considerations

None.