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Substitute resolution urging the State of Wisconsin to undertake a review of the juvenile justice system.

This resolution urges the State of Wisconsin to undertake a review of the juvenile justice system. This review should focus on:

1. Modernization of penalties.
2. Age-appropriate sentencing.
3. Proper use and supervision of probation and parole.
4. Proper use of incarceration.
5. Data-driven tools for effectiveness, with an emphasis on preventing recidivism and providing deterrence.

This resolution also directs the Department of Administration, Intergovernmental Relations Division to lobby the Wisconsin Assembly and Senate for a review of the Wisconsin juvenile justice system.

Whereas, Wisconsin ranks as the 7th highest state in terms of referral of students in school to police and courts, with 10.2 per 1,000 students referred compared to the national average of 5.8 per 1,000 students; and

Whereas, The Center for Public Integrity analyzed *2011-2012 Education Civil Rights* data and discovered that Wisconsin has the highest rates of referrals of any state in the Midwest, much higher than Minnesota (7.5 per 1,000), Illinois (6.3), and Iowa (5.1); and

Whereas, Wisconsin circuit courts serve as juvenile courts, as there is no separate juvenile court system in Wisconsin; and

Whereas, Circuit courts are referred to as juvenile courts when exercising their jurisdiction under chs. 48 and 938, Wis. Stats.; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the State of Wisconsin is urged to undertake a review of the juvenile justice system; and, be it

Further Resolved, A review of the Wisconsin juvenile justice system should focus on:

1. Modernization of penalties.
2. Age-appropriate sentencing.

3. Proper use and supervision of probation and parole.
4. Proper use of incarceration.
5. Data-driven tools for effectiveness, with an emphasis on preventing recidivism and providing deterrence.

; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Department of Administration, Intergovernmental Relations Division is directed to lobby the Wisconsin Assembly and Senate for a review of the Wisconsin juvenile justice system; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the City Clerk shall forward copies of this resolution to the:

1. Members of the Milwaukee delegation to the Wisconsin Assembly and Senate.
2. Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors.
3. Milwaukee County Circuit Court.

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