

# One Hundred Seventh Legislature - Second Session - 2022

## Introducer's Statement of Intent

### LB1019

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**Chairperson: Senator John Arch**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Date of Hearing: January 28, 2022**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

This bill acknowledges that reducing recidivism and individuals entering the criminal justice system is paramount to the progress of our state. Additionally, providing resources to help address issues pertaining to at-risk youth and youth who have already had run-ins with the criminal justice system will help reduce prison overcrowding and the overall incarceration rate.

This bill will require the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a family resource and juvenile assessment center pilot program that will provide assessments to youth at no charge to families. The assessments will be used to provide identify each participant's respective issues and to assist in providing service referrals in the following areas:

- Tutoring
- Mentoring
- Drug and substance abuse education and intervention
- Conflict resolution
- Mental health services and support
- Anger management
- Social skills training
- Job skills development
- Financial literacy
- Individual and family therapy sessions
- Cognitive behavioral therapy
- Truancy prevention
- Food and clothing assistance; and
- Referrals to court diversion programs.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

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