



# July 2019 Juvenile Jurisdiction Advisory Committee Update

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# Juvenile Minimum Age

- ▶ H347 Passed House
- ▶ Morey; Horn; McGrady; Harrison (Primary)
- ▶ Bill began as effort to raise the minimum age of juvenile jurisdiction from 6 to 10.
- ▶ Current version tasks JJAC with studying the issue.

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- ▶ The Juvenile Jurisdiction Advisory Committee (Committee) shall study the effects of modifying the definitions of delinquent juvenile and undisciplined juvenile to include only juveniles who are under 16 years old, but at least 10 years old, and no longer include juveniles between the ages of 6 and 10.



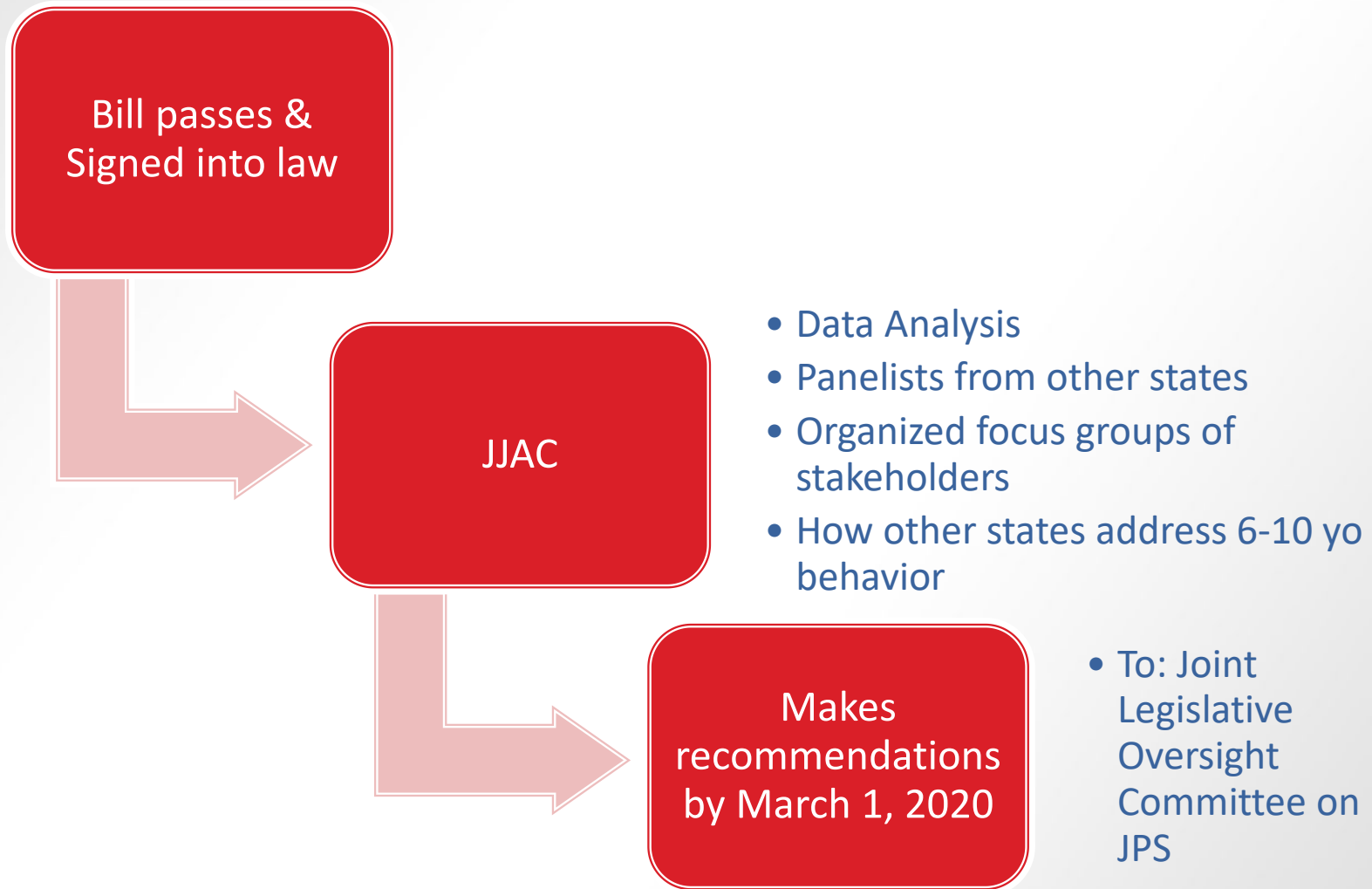
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In conducting this study, the Committee shall consider all of the following:

- ▶ (1) The number of delinquent juveniles under the age of 10 and the kinds of crimes and infractions these juveniles have committed, and the number of undisciplined juveniles under the age of 10.
- ▶ (2) The ways other states address juveniles under the age of 10 who commit 16 crimes or infractions, are unlawfully absent from school, or are regularly disobedient.
- ▶ (3) The input of interested stakeholders.

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# Preliminary Data Analysis

- ▶ FY 17-18
  - 803 complaints were received for ages<10 (3% of total complaints)
    - 126 complaints approved for court (under 1% of total complaints approved for court)
  - 454 distinct juveniles <10
    - 5 placed on protective supervision
    - 16 placed on probation
  - No detention admissions for ages<10

	Distinct Juveniles who Received Complaints	Total # of Complaints Received	Distinct Juveniles Placed on Protective Supervision	Distinct Juveniles Placed on Probation
Under Age 10	454	803	5	16

# Preliminary Data Analysis

## Top 5 complaints received for ages<10

The following represent 53% of all complaints received for this age group.

*Offense, # complaints received*

- ▶ Simple assault, 124
- ▶ Disorderly conduct at school, 103
- ▶ Assault government official/employee, 77
- ▶ Assault school employee/volunteer, 76
- ▶ Communicating threats, 42

# Preliminary Data Analysis

- ▶ 69% of complaints for those under age 10 were school-based complaints compared to youth ages 13 and older where 38% of complaints were school-based.



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- ▶ Of the 454 distinct juveniles with a complaint filed in FY 17-18, **1 juvenile was identified as gang-associated.** The juvenile was 8 years old at the time of the offense.

# Preliminary Data Analysis

**Table 3: Lower Age of Juvenile Jurisdiction Nationwide**

Age	States	
No Age Specified	AL, AK, DE, DC, FL, GA, HI, ID, IL, IN, IA, KY, ME, MI, MO, MT, NH, NJ, NM, OH, OK, OR, RI, SC, TN, UT, VA, WV, WY	(29)
Age 6	NC	(1)
Age 7	CT, MD, NY, ND	(4)
Age 8	AZ, NV, WA*	(3)
Age 10	AR, CO, KS, LA, MN, MS, PA, SD, TX, VT, WI	(11)
Age 11	NE	(1)
Age 12	MA, CA**	(2)

\*Between ages 8 and 12, a hearing must be held to determine capacity.

\*\*Excluding certain violent felonies for which there is no age limit

# Questions for JJAC

- ▶ Start now?
- ▶ Ideas?
- ▶ Other items to include in study?
- ▶ Do we want to add effect on other agencies?
- ▶ Would 6-10 year olds still be able to be served by a Juvenile Justice funded program?



# Questions?