

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY
BILL SUMMARY**

BILL NO. H1658

TITLE: An Act to enhance fairness and increase positive outcomes for children.

SPONSOR: Rep. Marjorie C. Decker

COSPONSOR(S): Rep. Estela Reyes

HEARING DATE: June 10, 2025

PRIOR HISTORY: None

SENATE BILL: S1050 (Creem)

CURRENT LAW: Section 58B of Chapter 119 gives the Court a variety of options for children adjudged delinquent based on a motor vehicle crime: (i) the care of a probation officer; (ii) the custody of the Department of Youth Services; or (iii) restitution. The Court may also impose fines as permitted by the violated statute, by-law, ordinance or regulation. Failure to pay may lead to arrest and time with probation or in DYS.

BILL SUMMARY: Section 1 – Adds a new section, 58C, to Chapter 119. This section requires the court to hold hearings every thirty days when electronic monitoring is ordered for a juvenile to ensure that the juvenile does not remain on electronic monitoring for an unreasonable length of time. The juvenile court department will collect and publicly report data about the annual number of juveniles subject to electronic monitoring, the amount of calendar days each was subjected to monitoring, detention for violation, reasons for electronic monitoring, case status of the juvenile and any other monitoring or confinement orders.