Overview

This bill provides a new method of computing per diem costs of confining juvenile delinquents who are committed to the commissioner of corrections. These per diem costs are paid by counties and other appropriate jurisdictions that refer the juveniles to state correctional facilities. The bill also requires the commissioner of corrections to use established admissions criteria in determining the appropriateness of placing juvenile offenders at the Red Wing correctional facility. Finally, the bill permits the commissioner to house both juvenile delinquents and EJJ offenders who are serving a juvenile disposition at the Red Wing facility.

1 Charges to counties. Provides a new method of computing per diem costs of confining juvenile delinquents who are committed to the commissioner of corrections. Instead of determining the actual cost of confinement annually, as required by current law, the Commissioner will compute such costs based on projected population, pricing incentives, market conditions, and the need to balance expenses and revenues over a four-year period. These per diem charges are paid by counties and other jurisdictions that commit juveniles to the commissioner's custody.

2 Minnesota correctional facility-Red Wing. Requires the commissioner of corrections to use established admissions criteria in determining the appropriateness of placing juvenile offenders at the Red Wing correctional facility. Also requires the commissioner, in reviewing placement requests from the counties, to bear in mind that the Red Wing facility's purpose is to serve juvenile offenders for whom the county has exhausted local resources.

3 Commissioner; duties. Technical amendment to reflect the current responsibility of local governments to share the cost of confining juvenile offenders in state correctional facilities.

4 Pupils. Permits the commissioner of corrections to receive at Red Wing both juvenile delinquents as well as EJJ offenders who are serving a juvenile disposition. Requires that the housing of these individuals at Red Wing must be consistent with federal and state law, including established admissions criteria for Red Wing.