

Senate Children and Family Law Committee

Declan Donahue 271-3324

SB 413, relative to the detention of a minor attaining the age of 18 during the pendency of a delinquency action.

Hearing Date: January 15, 2026

Time Opened: 10:10 a.m.

Time Closed: 10:17 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Long and Sullivan

Members of the Committee Absent : Senator Abbas

Bill Analysis: This bill modifies the facility in which alleged delinquent minors may be held in detention pending an adjudicatory hearing, permitting alleged delinquent minors to be housed in a county corrections facility once reaching age 18.

Sponsors:

Sen. Sullivan

Rep. Rice

Who supports the bill: Senator Victoria Sullivan, Attorney Susan Laurabee

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Senator Victoria Sullivan

- This bill was filed on behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services, and would allow alleged delinquent minors to be held in a county corrections facility upon turning 18 pending an adjudicatory hearing.
- Attorney Susan Laurabee is here to walk through SB 413 and answer any questions.

Susan Laurabee (Legislative Liaison, Division of Children, Youth and Families) & Marie Noonan (Director, Division of Children, Youth and Families)

- This bill amends statute pertaining to those charged under delinquency statute that turn 18 pending adjudication.
- Currently, there is a gap in the law on who can be detained where, and at what age. A minor is defined as being under 18, but the RSA defines circumstances where jurisdiction can be extended beyond 18. In the committal part of the RSA, it states the minor can only be held in a youth detention center until age 18.
- A 2024 Supreme Court Ruling stated that if the legislature wishes for minors to be able to be transferred to SYSC only when they reach 18, they must clarify the law to unify the detention and commitment statutes.

- Senator Long clarified with Ms. Laurabee which RSA was being referenced in her speech.

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