



Department of
Youth Services

**Message from DYS Director Harvey Reed
Mid-Biennium Review Signed into Law**

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The Mid-Biennium Review (MBR) legislation was signed into law by Governor Kasich this week, benefitting Ohio's juvenile justice system. The MBR supports placing youth in the most appropriate environment. Research indicates that DYS facilities are best suited for high-risk, high-need youth. Providing options to communities to serve lower-level offenders closer to home and in smaller settings allows for more appropriate treatment options and ultimately increases public safety.

DYS worked with the juvenile courts to provide greater predictability and stability of funding available through RECLAIM Ohio (Reasonable and Equitable Community and Local Alternatives to the Incarceration of Minors). The RECLAIM formula is being enhanced incrementally to allocate funds based on a 10-year adjudication average instead of a 4-year adjudication average.

The legislation also contains a number of efficiency measures that benefit youth:

- Provides a temporary identification card to youth released to parole supervision, which will enhance the ability to obtain employment, housing, public assistance and more
- Clarify that DRC Adult Parole Authority will provide minimum standards and training to adult probation officers and not county juvenile probation officers –also clarify that DYS provides training standards for juvenile probation workers
- Clarify the changes in HB 86 and HB 153 regarding funding research-supported programs to the extent those programs are available
- Clarify the eligibility for judicial release for youth committed on a specification after serving a one year minimum
- Clarify the occurrence of an adjudication for reverse bindover youth for the purposes of RECLAIM funding allocation

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