

HB 2558 -- PRELIMINARY HEARINGS FOR JUVENILES

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This bill creates requirements for juvenile detention hearings including:

(1) The hearing must be held on the record and to be subject to the same procedural and substantive rules as a preliminary hearing in a criminal prosecution;

(2) The court must first inform the juvenile of the juvenile's right to counsel, including appointed counsel;

(3) The court must receive certain probable cause evidence and evidence relevant to the necessity to detain a juvenile; and

(4) The court must evaluate whether a juvenile satisfies certain specified factors before the juvenile can be detained.