

Admission of Juveniles into County Detention and Shelter Care Facilities

Directive #5-80

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Directive #2-81

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The Supreme Court Committee on Juvenile and Domestic Relations Courts in its 1980-1981 Annual Report stated:

At present intake often authorizes the admission of a juvenile to detention or shelter care based on information police provide as to the offense allegedly committed by the juvenile. On occasion the complaint which is eventually filed charges an offense which would not have merited detention or shelter care.

In its Report the Committee recommended that the Supreme Court issue a Directive that intake not authorize the admission of a juvenile into a detention or shelter care facility unless either a complaint has been filed against the juvenile or the facility is in receipt of a copy of the complaint which will be filed with the court.

Juveniles awaiting placement by the Division of Youth and Family Services may not be housed in a detention facility.

The Supreme Court has reviewed the Committee's recommendation and has adopted it in its entirety.

EDITOR:S NOTE

These two directives have been combined by adding the only retained paragraph of #5-80 to #2-81. Directive #2-81 has not been changed. Only one paragraph of #5-80 remains valid. The remaining provisions dealing with detention and shelter care of juveniles have all been superseded by the juvenile code.