

1 By Supervisors Martin, Clancy, Coggs-Jones, Alexander, Logsdon, File No. 22-712  
2 and Johnson, Jr.

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5 **A RESOLUTION**  
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7 Authorizing and directing the Department of Health and Human Services Division of  
8 Children, Youth, and Family Services to work in conjunction with the Department of  
9 Administrative Services - Information Management Services Division to develop a Youth  
10 in our Care data dashboard  
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13 WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Human Services Division of Children,  
14 Youth, and Family Services (CYFS) is tasked with providing community-based  
15 alternative programming services for youth involved in the justice system, youth justice  
16 reform, management of the juvenile detention center, and more; and  
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18 WHEREAS, the census at Vel R. Phillips Detention Center has gradually  
19 increased since September 2021 and recently peaked at 141 in February 2022,  
20 compared to an average census of 89 over the last ten years (File No. 22-423); and  
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22 WHEREAS, in 2019, the average length of stay in youth detention was 22.5  
23 days; in 2020, it was 34.6 days; in 2021, it was 36.4 days and most recently, in 2022,  
24 the average length of stay increased to an unprecedented 60.3 days; and  
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26 WHEREAS, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported that in 2021 the Milwaukee  
27 Police Department arrested 926 juveniles compared to 732 in 2019, and 761 in 2018,  
28 and the majority of the arrests were for vehicle theft, reckless driving, fleeing officers,  
29 and other related crimes; and

30 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County has made diligent efforts to alleviate the  
31 increased detention center census through ongoing discussions with court partners and  
32 reviewing youth cases assigned to the Milwaukee County Accountability Program  
33 (MCAP) who are nearing completion; and  
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35 WHEREAS, the rising census of youth in detention warrants a need to dismantle  
36 silos and share transparent, de-identified information with policymakers, stakeholders,  
37 and the public relating to the youth in our care; and  
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39 WHEREAS, creating a "Youth in our Care" dashboard will provide information  
40 pertaining to the number of youths housed at Vel. R. Phillips Detention Center, the  
41 number of youths enrolled in the MCAP program, the number of youths waitlisted for the

42 program, the number of youths housed outside of Milwaukee County, and the number of  
43 COVID positive youth; and

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45 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors adopted File No. 20-174 to  
46 create Chapter 108 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances relating to  
47 achieving racial equity to improve the health of the entire community by being customer-  
48 focused, improving performance, and equitable practices; and

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50 WHEREAS, providing de-identified youth data will show Milwaukee County's  
51 commitment to providing policymakers, parents, guardians, and the community with  
52 qualitative and quantitative data to review and weigh in to improve services for youth in  
53 our care; and

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55 WHEREAS, a Youth in our Care dashboard will hold Milwaukee County  
56 accountable for staying on track with achieving its vision to become the healthiest  
57 county in Wisconsin and create transparency surrounding the youth in our care; and

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59 WHEREAS, the Committee on Judiciary, Safety, and General Services, at its  
60 meeting of June 10, 2022, recommended adoption of File No. 22-712 (vote 4-0); now,  
61 therefore,

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63 BE IT RESOLVED, the Department of Health and Human Services Children,  
64 Youth, and Family Services Division shall work in conjunction with the Department of  
65 Administrative Services Information Management Services Division to develop a Youth  
66 in our Care dashboard; and

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68 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the dashboard shall include the number of youths  
69 housed at Vel. R. Phillips Detention Center, the number of youths enrolled in the  
70 Milwaukee County Accountability Program, the number of youths waitlisted for the  
71 program, the number of youths housed outside of Milwaukee County, and the number of  
72 COVID positive youth; and

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74 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Department of Health and Human Services  
75 and the Information Management Services Division shall present to the Milwaukee  
76 County Board of Supervisors recommendations for implementation of a data dashboard  
77 including, but not limited to, cost to develop and, maintain, where it is sited, and the  
78 aggregate de-identified information that could be provided on the data dashboard no  
79 later than the September 2022 meeting cycle.

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