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(ITEM) A resolution by Supervisors West and Alexander requesting the Audit Services Division, Office of the Comptroller, conduct an audit of the Department of Health and Human Services' assessment of staffing and capacity issues at the Juvenile Detention Center, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Delinquency and Court Services Division (DCSD), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), currently operates a 120-bed Juvenile Detention Center; and

WHEREAS, on April 18, 2016, the Director, DHHS, documented serious staffing shortages and capacity issues at the Juvenile Detention Center in a memo to the Milwaukee County Executive; and

WHEREAS, the memo stated that the Juvenile Detention Center exceeded its rated 120-bed capacity five times in January 2016, two times in February 2016, 8 times in March 2016, and eight times in April 2016; and

WHEREAS, the memo also reported a serious staffing shortage; position vacancy rates increased from 13 percent to 27 percent between January 2016 and April 2016; and

WHEREAS, in order to safeguard the juveniles being detained by Milwaukee County (the County), protect the staff that care for the juveniles in detention, and to better understand how to avoid this situation in the future, it is imperative that the Director, DHHS, complete an assessment of the County's Juvenile Detention Program; and

WHEREAS, in light of the seriousness of this issue, it is also necessary to add a second level of transparency and accountability to protect the County's youth by having the Audit Services Division, Office of the Comptroller, complete its own independent evaluation of DHHS's findings; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Health and Human Needs, at its meeting of May 18, 2016, recommended adoption of this resolution (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) requests the Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), complete an assessment of the capacity and staffing issues at the Juvenile Detention Center and to provide an informational report as soon as practicable; and

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board requests that the Audit
45 Services Division, Office of the Comptroller, (Audit Services), perform an audit of the
46 assessment being completed by DHHS; and

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48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, as part of the overall audit, it is requested that
49 Audit Services examine staffing of the facility and the length of juvenile detentions; and

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51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, it is requested that Audit Services invite Juvenile
52 Courts and the Milwaukee Community Justice Council to participate in the process; and

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54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Audit Services is requested to provide a report to
55 the County Board with its findings as soon as practicable.

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