

HB 2262 -- USE OF RESTRAINTS

SPONSOR: Jones

This bill specifies that when a court in juvenile cases has a local court rule or otherwise mandates that a juvenile must be restrained during court proceedings using either handcuffs, chains, irons, or a straitjacket, the juvenile's attorney has the right to be heard on the issue of the necessity of the use of restraints and to request that the restraints not be used. The juvenile's attorney may present evidence that the juvenile is not a flight risk, poses no safety risk to himself or herself, others, or has no history of disruptive courtroom behavior. If the court orders that restraints must be used, the court is required to make findings of fact in support of such use.