

## **Key Changes to JJDP Reauthorization Act Introduced in 113<sup>th</sup> Congress (Compared to S. 2999):**

- Further clarifies and updates certain definitions to reflect state juvenile justice agencies' practical concerns (Sec. 102).
- Bolsters grant accountability and oversight provisions of the JJDPA:
  - Requires that there be a programmatic and financial review of all states receiving grants under JJDPA;
  - Calls for the Justice Department's Inspector General to annually conduct additional audits of state programs, for the purpose of deterring waste, fraud, and abuse;
  - Includes new grant accountability provisions to enforce the 20% penalty for non-compliance with the Act's core protections.
  - Ensures that noncompliance penalties collected from states will be returned to the formula grant program or used for technical assistance—not simply reallocated to noncompliant states (Section 204).
- Promotes greater transparency by requiring the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention to publicly disclose and regularly update on its website each participating state's compliance status.
- Encourages use of specialized, problem-solving courts as an alternative to youth detention.
- Calls for the Attorney General and Secretary of Agriculture to provide guidance to state agencies on procedures for seeking federal food assistance, to help defray the costs of offering meals to juveniles in detention facilities and to encourage facilities' compliance with federal nutritional standards for youth (Section 209).