## New juvenile laws to boost county costs

Tough new laws mean young, vio-ient punks can be treated like adults

in court.

But they also have officials in Oakland, Saginaw and other counties Oakland, Saginaw and other counties wondering how to pay for the law-yers and juvenile officials to handle

yers and juvenile officials to handle the punks.

"A series of bills was passed that overwhelmed us," said Barbara Con-silio, administrator of Oakland Pro-bate Court, whose juvenile division currently has jurisdiction over young offenders.

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"Can we shift things (staff) inhouse? Or do we need more person-nel? . . Before the end of the year, we hope to have a cost-out," Consilio his week told the general government committee of the Oakland County Board of Commissions. A "first estimate" was that defense attornerys alone would cost \$80,000 a year more, she said.

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'A new activity or service or an increase in the level of any activity or service . . . shall not be required by the legislature . . . of any units of Local Government, unless a state appropriation is made and disbursed to pay the unit of Local Government for any necessary increased costs.'

- State Constitution, Art. IX, Sec. 29 'Headlee amendment'

showed little inclination to challenge the lack of state funding. "Every county has to bite the but-let," Consilio predicted.

ALTOGETHER, 23 bills were passed by this session of the Michigan Legislature in a wave of revulsion over growing teen violence, spurred by wide publicity given Detroit drug-related killings.

One 11-bill package would cost \$8 million in fiscal 1988-89 (leginning Oct. 1), according to a staff analysis by the state House of Representatives.

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Some bills take effect Oct. 1; others, April. 1.
Generally, the state Department of Social Services supported the measures; the Proseculing Attorneys Association of Michigan preferred a later starting date; and the Probat Judges Association took no position. HERE ARE some bills that could raise costs by unknown amounts:

• Additional probate court reviews of juvenile cases are required.

• Attorneys for indigents would

have to be retained for those reviews, and generally for longer periods of time.

Prosecutors would have wider discretion to prosecute young offenders as adults in district and circuit courts. These could result in more, longer and more complex court hearings.

In such cases, the judge could sentence the young offender either as an adult or as a juvenile. Sentences are likely to be stiffer and costiler to administer.

"Victims' rights" notices would have to be sent out in juvenile cases handled by probate courts. Presumably, probate courts will have to bear the cost.

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• The age at which a young offender can be kept under probate court jurisdiction is raised from 19 to 21. Two more years of jurisdiction will raise costs proportionately.

A RECENT federal study showed nearly 39 percent of more than 18,000 juveniles in long-term youth institutions were jailed for violent crimes.

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