

**TITLE 6: CRIMES AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE**  
**DIVISION 5: JUVENILE JUSTICE**

**§ 5144. Secure Facilities.**

(a) DYS shall maintain and operate secure facilities for the custody of juvenile offenders who are pending adjudication by the court or have been committed to a period of detention by the court.

(b) DYS shall only place minors in facilities that provide humane care and developmental opportunities for the juveniles while promoting accountability and community protection.

(c) DYS shall adopt standards, policies, regulations and procedures for the operation of secure juvenile facilities in compliance with law. Such standards, policies and procedures shall not be inconsistent with law.

(d) Facilities designated by DYS to house juveniles shall do an assessment of each individual to determine behavior, need for and amenability to treatment and counseling, abilities, learning disabilities, interests, attitudes and similar matters.

(e) The institution(s) shall then insure provision of educational instruction appropriate to the age, needs and range of abilities. Training in the development of competency and life skills designed to assist the juvenile in operating effectively within and becoming a contributing member of the community shall be provided.

**Source:** PL 16-47, § 26, modified.

**Commission Comment:** The Commission changed the order of this section from its original placement in PL 16-47 pursuant to 1 CMC § 3806(b).

For information regarding the transfer of the Juvenile Detention Unit from DYS to the Department of Corrections and the responsibilities of DYS, see Commission Comment to 6 CMC §§ 5111-12.