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2022 Annual Report

In accordance with South Dakota Codified Law § 1-15-30, the Council of Juvenile Services shall “make special study of, and make an annual report the Governor, the Unified Judicial System, and the Legislature by June thirtieth of each year concerning, the appropriate administration of and provisions for children in need of supervision.”

The South Dakota Department of Corrections (SDDOC) publishes this requirement in their annual statistical report.

The 2022 report was published in January 2023 and contained the following:

Children in Need of Supervision (CHINS) are low risk and high needs youth who historically were often committed to the SDDOC due to lack of appropriate alternatives. **Figure 46** shows that there has been a significant decrease in the commitment of CHINS following the implementation of statewide juvenile justice reform in FY2015. This decrease shows that in FY2022, all juveniles committed to the SDDOC were for delinquent offenses as zero commitments were for CHINS offenses such as truancy or running away.

