

As expected, the redistricting process was the priority this second week. The Senate has passed their plan and the House is expected to vote on their plan by the end of next week.

### **The House Releases Budget Allocations - Senate Not yet.**

The House has released their budget allocations, a clear message to the Senate that they plan to move forward with crafting the state budget. The Senate leadership had circulated a letter supporting early adjournment, coming back in the spring hopefully to better revenue numbers.

Florida's recovery continues to grow at a slow pace and there will be a shortfall of \$1.4 billion for FY 12-13. Legislators plan to use \$1.4 billion shortfall as the gap between projected tax revenues and the rising costs of services and programs. Increased costs include projected Medicaid growth of \$900 million and 31,500 students to be added to the public school rolls.

The House budget will include a \$1 billion increase in education funding, \$100 million for tax cuts and a plan for \$1 billion for reserves. The Senate has announced it will release its initial budget proposal next week.

### **DJJ Briefs Committees on Alternatives to Detention**

Secretary Walters provided a presentation on alternatives to detention for youth charged with domestic violence and/or in need of respite services.

#### **DJJ Alternatives to Secure Detention Initiatives**

- JDAI- Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiatives- in 4 circuits.
- Electronic Monitoring.
- Auto-dialers

#### **Impact of Detention Alternatives for Domestic Violence Offenses**

- Annualized net savings estimated at \$2.7 M
- Diverting this population from detention will decrease the amount that counties will have to contribute for secure detention.

#### **Domestic Violence Offense Data**

- 57% Male, 43% Female
- Race: Black-35%, White, 65%
- 80% youth arrested are low and moderate risk
- 76% youth stay 5 days or less in detention

#### **Respite Care Needs**

- 2,614 low risk youth were placed in secure detention for domestic charges that would have been considered for respite care.
- Average length of stay was 6 days.

#### **DJJ plans to procure services with community providers who**

- Have the capacity to deliver services.
- Can meet the diverse needs of our children
- Can manage fluctuating population counts

### **FJJA Bill Tracking**

#### **This Week**

##### **HB 173 - Juvenile Justice Pilon**

Removes court jurisdiction over an adjudicated delinquent child the authority to commit for placement in a program for serious or habitual juvenile offenders; authorizes a mother-infant program if child's mother is committed as a delinquent; authorizes DJJ to pay toward funeral expenses.

***Passed by Judiciary Committee and placed on calendar on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.***

***SB504 Companion waiting to heard at 3<sup>rd</sup> stop (CJ Appropriations) 4<sup>th</sup> stop will be Budget Committee.***

### **FJJA Bill Tracking**

#### **Next Week**

##### **SB 1886 - Zero Tolerance Wise**

Requires that school districts adopt a policy for reporting acts that pose a serious threat to school safety; requiring that acts that do not pose a serious threat to school safety be handled within the school's disciplinary system; requiring that a child accused of a misdemeanor offense not be arrested and formally processed.

***Will be heard 1/24/12 in Senate Education Pre-K Committee.***

### **FJJA Bill Tracking**

##### **SB 834- Juvenile Justice Education Wise**

Provides legislative intent regarding juvenile justice education and workforce programs.

***Passed through first committee stop, was temporarily postponed at 2<sup>nd</sup> committee stop. Bill has not yet been rescheduled for CJ Committee.***

***HB 949, companion bill, has not yet been scheduled in any of the 4 committees of reference.***