

HOUSE PASSES \$69.2 BILLION SPENDING PLAN, SENATE MOVING FORWARD TO FINALIZE BUDGET

The House passed out its final budget this week, with the Senate not far behind. The Senate is set to release its budget and conforming bills and is scheduled to take up its budget in committee as early as next Wednesday.

Side by side comparison of Department of Juvenile Justice budget highlights:

<i>DJJ Budget- House (Passed)</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>DJJ Budget -Senate (Proposed)</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Reduce Redirections Program- 10%	(\$936K)	Expand Redirection Program	\$10M
Reduce non-delinquency rehab -10%	(\$1.8M)	Statewide Electronic Records	\$500K
Reduce PACE services- 10%	(\$766K)	Increase Transition Planning and Case Management	\$2.3
Reduce CINSFINS services- 10%	(\$1.9M)	Increase funds for Wings (Pregnant girls/ infants)	\$138K
Eliminate legislative initiatives	(\$2.055M)	Boys & Girls Club Gang Prevention	\$2M
Respite Care for domestic violence Youth	\$1.176M	Respite Care for Domestic Violence Youth	\$1.176M
Reduce 288 non- secure residential beds	(\$11.8M)	Reduce 500 non secure residential beds <i>invest 8.8M in front end programs</i>	(\$15.6M)
Reduce 45 wilderness therapeutic residential beds	(\$1.48M)	Reduce 45 wilderness therapeutic residential beds	(\$1.48M)
Reduce detention for domestic violence youth	(\$3.2M)	Reduce detention for domestic violence youth	(\$3.2M)
Reduce detention cost share for fiscally constrained counties	(\$748K)	Reduce detention cost share for fiscally constrained counties	(\$748K)
Boys and Girls Club <i>in Pasco County</i>	\$1M	Web Based Early Intervention	\$600K
Respite care for domestic violence youth	\$1.17M	Maintenance of closed Desoto facility	\$582K
Capital Outlay	\$187K state \$200K private	Other maintenance and repair	\$2.27M
Passed DJJ Budget- \$506,392,727 Current Year Budget- \$528,744,303 \$22 million reduction		Proposed DJJ Budget- \$536,006,537 Current Year Budget- \$528,744,303 \$7.2 million increase	

HAPPENING NEXT WEEK

The Senate is scheduled to vote on the prison privatization legislation next week. Having voted out the redistricting plan, the Legislature will probably see lawsuits emerge. Many bills and proposals are quietly disappearing and at this point, unless a priority of leadership, are considered dead. Almost two thousand bills were filed this session. So far only five have passed both chambers, with only 28 days left.

BILLS TRACKING THIS WEEK

SB 834- (Juvenile Justice Education) passed out of the final stop - Criminal Justice Committee and is on its way to the Senate Budget Committee. House companion **-HB 949- (Juvenile Justice Education)** appears to have stalled at its second stop, the Education committee.

BILLS TRACKING NEXT WEEK

SB 1886 (Zero Tolerance) – is expected to be placed on the agenda next week at final stop -Criminal Justice committee, and will include 3 amendments containing technical changes and deleting the word “felony.”

SB 504 (Juvenile Justice) - is headed to its final stop, budget committee. This bill allows DJJ to pay up to \$5,000 toward the funeral expenses of children who die in custody of the department and also authorizes mother-infant programs.

FJJA Legislative Agenda

No funding cuts to juvenile justice.

FJJA recommends:

Taking into consideration the significant budget cut to DJJ last year, FJJA recommends that DJJ be spared further reductions in upcoming session.

Increase investment in community based services.

FJJA recommends:

If the revenue picture improves – investing additional dollars in community based services and contracted rates will further enhance youth success, lower recidivism rates, provide maximum return on taxpayer investment and sustain proven programs.