

THIS WEEK: Senate and House now ready for budget conference.

The Senate has passed out a \$70.7 billion this week, setting up conference negotiations with the House over the next 10 days to deliver a budget by the end of session on March 9th. The Senate budget is \$1.5 billion larger than the House budget of \$69.2B budget which passed earlier this month. A few differences between the two budgets: the Senate plan makes more reductions to adult mental health and substance abuse, allows state universities to raise tuition by 15%, and sweeps \$265M from the Lawton Chiles Endowment fund.

There are now two weeks left of session. Tuesday, February 28th is the last day for scheduled committee meetings. Any bills that have not been heard in committee by then are officially dead unless placed on the House or Senate calendar.

Going into conference: *Differences between the House and Senate DJJ proposed budgets*

<i>DJJ Budget- House</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>DJJ Budget -Senate</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Reduce Redirections Program- 10%	(\$936K)	Expand Redirection Program <i>* Amendment reduces this by \$2M to redirect to Hillsborough Correction Institution</i>	\$10M (\$2)M
Reduce non-delinquency rehab -10%	(\$1.8M)	Statewide Electronic Records	\$500K
Reduce PACE services- 10%	(\$766K)	Increase Transition Planning & Case Management	\$2.3M
Reduce CINSFINS services- 10%	(\$1.9M)	Increase funds for WINGS Program (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 382 non secure residential beds <i>\$6.8M - back to General Revenue</i> <i>\$8.8M-reinvestment into DJJ front end</i>	(\$15.6M)
Reduce 45 wilderness residential beds	(\$1.48M)	Reduce 45 wilderness 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
Capital Outlay- state facility	\$187K	Maintenance-closed Desoto facility	\$582K
Capital Outlay- private facility	\$200K	Other maintenance and repair	\$2.27M
Passed DJJ Budget- \$506,392,727 Current Year Budget- \$528,744,303 \$22 million reduction-		Passed DJJ Budget- \$534,006,537 Current Year Budget- \$528,744,303 \$5.2 million increase+	

**Amendment was filed by Senator Storms redirecting \$2M out of DJJ and into DOC.*

Update on juvenile justice related legislation

<i>LEGISLATION</i>	<i>HOUSE #</i>	<i>SENATE#</i>
Juvenile Justice Education - amended House version creates Stephen R. Wise Commission for JJ Education/Workforce Programs, also creates a new DOE/DJJ QA system.	HB949 - 2 more stops to go, passage doubtful	SB834 - on CJ Appropriations agenda, 2/28
Juvenile Justice - allows DJJ to pay up to \$5,000 in funeral expenses of children who die in custody of the department, authorizes mother-infant programs.	HB173 - Placed on special order calendar, 2/28	SB504 - Now in budget
Zero Tolerance - clarifies current law that petty acts of misconduct and some misdemeanor offenses are not threats to school safety.	HB1445 - Stalled, passage doubtful	SB1886 - Placed on calendar, 2nd reading
Juvenile Expunction - Allows minors with certain felony arrests to expunge non judicial arrest record upon successful completion of pre arrest or post arrest diversion.	HB 497 - Placed on calendar, 2nd reading	SB940 - Passed favorably this week, now in budget
Parole of Juvenile Offenders - provides that juvenile offender less than 18 years of age at time of commission of non homicide offense who is sentenced to life imprisonment is eligible for resentencing if they have been incarcerated for minimum period.	HB005 - Placed on special order calendar, 2/28	CS/SB212 - in budget

Background Screening - Creates background screening clearinghouse, exempts volunteers, relatives, physicians, nurses, and other licensed professionals from Level 2 background screening.	CC/CS/HB943 – Senate in Messages	SB 320 – in budget subcommittee Health and Human Services
Juvenile Detention: Provides that detention care, for purposes of provisions relating to shared county & state responsibility for juvenile detention costs, includes alternatives to secured detention.	HB 5401 - In returning messages	

NEXT WEEK: Conference committees will meet; House has budget pen.

This weekend, House and Senate leadership will deliberate to set agreements on budget allocations. Early next week we should see conference committees announced, and once that occurs, conference committee could start to meet as early as Monday.

Conference committees will work through the eighth week. For issues that cannot be resolved in conference will be bumped to budget chairs most likely by Friday, March 2. Any remaining unresolved issues will go to the House Speaker and Senate President so everything can be worked out by the weekend.

If this timeline plays out, the budget will be placed on the desk of legislators by Tuesday, March 6 which kicks off the 72-hour review period. The legislature is scheduled to adjourn on March 9.

The only complication could be the Supreme Court response of the redistricting plan, which would require the legislature to address.