

Florida Juvenile Justice Association

Legislative

Update

Week Three

March 22 2013

This third week of session saw the House and Senate Appropriation committees receive their initial allocations to begin drafting their budget proposals. Many of the Senate committees, including criminal justice have already released their first drafts. Next week is a shortened legislative week due to the Easter/Passover recess, but we should see the House budget proposal by then.

See below for the comparisons of the Governor's and Senate DJJ proposals. To compare to DJJ's legislative budget request, (LBR) [click here](#).

Highlights of Proposed DJJ BUDGET (Side by Side)	Governor's Proposal	Senate Proposal <i>As of 3/20/2013</i>	House Proposal <i>Not released</i>		
Investments					
Expand PACE Center for Girls <i>Creates new center in Miami and additional slots Jacksonville (Senate proposal)</i>	\$618,750	\$776,598	<i>Not released yet</i>		
Telephonic Psychiatric Consultation	\$37,200	\$37,200			
Contracted Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist	\$108,160	\$108,160			
Internet GED Testing	\$55,00	\$55,00			
Expand CINS/FINS to Rural Underserved Areas	\$1,501,605	\$1,501,605			
Documentation and Analysis of Dozier Gravesite		\$200,000			
Alliance of Florida Boys and Girls Clubs <i>NR funding also in current year budget</i>	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000			
Web Based Early Intervention Program		\$250,000			
Informed Families of Florida Program		\$200,000			
Expansion of Florida Youth Challenge Academy		\$500,000			
Additional staffing for DJJ Bureau of Contracts		\$219,110			
Reductions					
Reduce Detention Bed Capacity- 53 FTEs	(\$3,696,024)	(\$2,730,998)			
Reduce Vacant Positions over 180 Days- 11 FTEs	(\$514,082)				
Reduce Vacant Probation Positions- 21.5 FTEs	(\$925,667)				
Reduce Non-Secure Bed Capacity-133 beds, 14 FTE	(\$5,830,907)	(\$5,830,907)			
Reduce Funding for Redirections <i>Includes \$6.5 in new funding not yet contracted this FY</i>		(\$8,900,000)			
Eliminate Funding for Girls Advocacy Project Program		(\$150,000)			
Eliminate Funding for New Horizons Community Mental Health		(\$184,317)			
Eliminate Funding for Community Coalition Program		(\$574,080)			
Reduce Staffing in DJJ Residential Services Staff-12 FTEs		(\$663,696)			
Governor's Budget Proposal		Senate Budget Proposal			
GR	TF	Total	GR	TF	Total
350,746,694	162,852,486	\$513,599,180	351,854,419	163,750,786	\$515,605,205

- The Senate Proposal is a (\$5,313.232) reduction from DJJ's current year budget of \$520,918.437.
- The Governor's proposal is a (\$1,806.244) reduction from DJJ's current year budget of \$520,918.437.

FJJA Bill Tracking

FJJA supports the following bills:

SB 0676- Relating to Juvenile Justice Circuit Advisory Boards and Juvenile Justice County Councils -*Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice (3rd stop)*

HB 617-Companion bill- passed through 1st committee, *now in Local and Federal Affairs Committee (2nd stop)*

HB 353- Criminal penalties for employees who inflict cruel or inhuman punishment upon juvenile offenders- *Passed all committees, placed on HOUSE Calendar, on 2nd reading*

SB 0678 – Companion bill --*Now in Judiciary (final stop)*

HB 441- Juvenile Justice Education
Passed through 1st committee, *now in Appropriations (2nd stop)*

SB 1406- Companion bill- passed through 1st committee, *now in Education (2nd stop)*

Other Bill Activity

SB 672- Youth Custody Officers- *Now in Judiciary, (2nd stop)*

HB 4019 - Delinquents tours of correctional facilities; repeals language of youth custody officers. *Passed all committees, placed on HOUSE Calendar, on 2nd reading*

Bills Referred But Not Yet Heard

SB 882 - Delinquency Programs and Detention Facilities- *Deletes language that requires DJJ to charge, and the county or municipal government to pay, a monitoring fee to cover a portion of the direct operating costs of a juvenile detention facility*

HB 947 – companion bill

SB 506- *Removing the criteria for determining whether a county was in compliance with specified policies and procedures relating to administering county and municipal juvenile programs and facilities*

HB 4021- companion bill



2013 Legislative Agenda

The Road to Success: A Comprehensive Educational System

ENSURE that meaningful educational and vocational opportunities are available to all youth served in DJJ programs, including youth in residential settings and small juvenile justice schools.

BILLS TO SUPPORT- HB441- SB1406

Invest in Proven Programs with a ROI: Prevention, Intervention, Diversion Services

ENSURE that prevention efforts are evidence and research based, include universal and targeted services, the use of civil citation programs, the expansion and enhancement of Juvenile Assessment Centers (JACs) and other existing intervention services, incorporate gender responsive services and the use of arbitration, mediation and Teen Court.

Keep the Public Safe and Youth Accountable: Community-Based Residential

ENSURE that Florida's juvenile justice continuum includes an appropriate amount and variety of residential commitment services, the use of evidence-based risk and criminogenic assessments, and specialized residential services that include mental health and substance abuse treatment. **SUPPORT** adequate funding of evidence-based services for specialized populations which produce positive outcomes and reduce recidivism.

Aftercare/Continuing Care

ENSURE that comprehensive aftercare services begin at initial identification by the juvenile justice system and follow youth throughout their