

Florida Juvenile Justice Association

Legislative

Update

Week Four

March 29 2013

BUDGETS PROPOSALS PRESENTED IN APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEES THIS WEEK

Although a short week for Legislators for the Passover and Easter holidays, the fourth week of session brought budget proposals to appropriations subcommittees for approval. The fifth week of session will have both House and Senate General Appropriations Acts (GAAs) heading to the full appropriations committees by midweek.

WITH NO BUDGET SHORTFALL MANY PROGRAMS STAY FULLY FUNDED; SOME HAVE NEW FUNDING

For example, Florida Kidcare has new funding to serve thousands more children next year, and critical programs such as Early Steps, Healthy Families, Safe Harbor, VPK and School readiness programs as well as substance abuse, mental health, and community health services are fully funded. Funding for the Guardian Ad Litem program will also be increased for next year. *See below for House, Senate and Governor's Budget Proposal for Juvenile Justice.*

Highlights of Proposed DJJ BUDGET (Side by Side)	Governor's Proposal	Senate Proposal	House Proposal
Investments			
Expand PACE Center - Miami PACE/additional slots in JAX	\$618,750	\$776,598	\$1,118,750
Telephonic Psychiatric Consultation	\$37,200	\$37,200	\$37,200
Contracted Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist	\$108,160	\$108,160	\$108,160
Internet GED Testing	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000
Expand CINS/FINS to Rural Underserved Areas	\$1,501,605	\$1,501,605	\$1,551,605
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	\$250,000
Web Based Early Intervention Program		\$250,000	
Informed Families of Florida Program		\$200,000	
Expansion of Florida Youth Challenge Academy		\$500,000	\$100,000
Additional staffing for DJJ Bureau of Contracts		\$219,110	\$100,000
Increase Juvenile Justice Prevention Services			\$1,000,000
YAP program (Duval and Nassau)			
Reductions			
Reduce Detention Bed Capacity- 53 FTEs	(\$3,696,024)	(\$2,730,998)	(\$898,300)
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)	(\$5,612,444)
Reduce Funding for Redirections		(\$8,900,000)	(\$6,000,000)
Eliminate Funding for Girls Advocacy Project Program		(\$150,000)	
Eliminate Funding 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)	(\$663,696)
Real Estate Savings	(\$520,217)		(\$520,217)
Governor's Budget Proposal	GR	TF	Total
Governor's proposal reduces (\$1,806,244) from current year budget	350,746,694	162,852,486	\$513,599,180
Senate Budget Proposal	GR	TF	Total
Senate Proposal reduces (\$5,313,232) from current year budget	351,854,419	163,750,786	\$515,605,205
House Budget Proposal	GR	TF	Total
House Proposal reduces (\$3,504,069) from current year budget	351,830,884	165,583,484	\$517,414,368



FJJA Bill Tracking as of 3/31/2013

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 (final stop)*

HB 617-Companion bill- passed through 2nd committee, *now in Judiciary Committee (final 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 2nd committee, *now in Education (final stop)*

SB 1406- Companion bill- passed through 1st committee, *waiting to be heard in Education (2nd stop)*

Other Bill Activity:

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

HB 7103- Cross Over Youth Pilot- *Now in Health & Human Services Committee (final stop)*

HB 4019 - Delinquents tours of correctional facilities; repeals language of youth custody officers.
Passed all committees, placed on Special Order calendar

Bills Referred Already Dead

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 continuing care. **EXPAND** and **ENHANCE** existing aftercare/continuing care services, and **SUPPORT** adequate levels of funding for transitional housing and independent living services in the community.