

# Florida Juvenile Justice Association

## Member

## Update

**Week Six**

**April 15, 2013**

### **Budgets Passed Against the Backdrop of Annual Children's Week and DJJ Youth Success Day**

Passage of the House and Senate budgets now sets the stage for budget conference. The House budget as passed: \$74.4 billion. Senate budget as passed: \$74.3 billion.

DJJ Youth Success Day was held at the Capital to share the successes of at-risk and troubled youth. DJJ, FJJA and other stakeholders held local events across the state celebrating youth success.

### **Senate Appropriations Chairs Appointed for Conference**

Members of the Appropriations Conference Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice include Rob Bradley, Chair, Jeff Clemens, Miguel Diaz de la Portilla, Rene Garcia, and Arthenia Joyner. House conference members will be appointed soon.

### **Juvenile Justice Education Bill Headed to House Floor**

**HB 441** is on the special order calendar for April 17<sup>th</sup>. Brought forth by FJJA, supported by DJJ and many other stakeholders, this bill would enhance transition services by expanding collaboration in a youth's transition planning. It also requires that school districts to consider the needs of individual youth when they return to school, and enhances career and technical education. This bill will improve accountability, enhance access to virtual education and require state and federal education dollars to follow the youth who generate them. Its companion, **SB 1406** remains in the Senate Education Committee. On the House side, \$1.6 M (HB5001 Line item 103 and proviso) will provide the funding for this legislation.

### **DJJ Repealer Legislation to be Combined**

Youth Custody Officers, Jail Tours, and Criminal penalties for employees who inflict cruel or inhuman punishment upon juvenile offenders will be rolled into one bill.

### **HB617 Juvenile Justice Circuit Advisory Boards/Juvenile Justice County Councils Headed to Floor**

The bill seeks to streamline juvenile justice circuit boards and juvenile justice county councils by merging them into a single entity: juvenile justice circuit advisory boards, which are to be established in each of the 20 judicial circuits. Except in single-county circuits, each juvenile justice circuit advisory board shall have a county organization representing each of the counties in the circuit. The county organization shall report directly to the juvenile justice circuit advisory board on the juvenile justice needs of the county. The bill specifies that the purpose of each juvenile justice circuit advisory board is to provide advice and direction to the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice in the development and implementation of juvenile justice programs, and to work collaboratively with the department in seeking improvements and policy changes to address the emerging and changing needs of Florida's youth who are at risk of delinquency. The Senate companion, **SB 676** is still in Appropriations, its final committee

### **Also of Interest**

Governor Rick Scott has signed **SB 164** into law, giving foster parents freedom to approve certain activities such as playing sports, or getting driving lessons without the prior approval of DCF or the courts.



**Secretary Walters, Cathy Craig-Myers, Christy Daly and 2013 DJJ Youth Ambassadors**

<b>Highlights of Proposed DJJ BUDGET (Side by Side)</b>	<b>Senate as passed SB1500</b>	<b>House as passed HB5001</b>
<b>BUDGET INVESTMENTS</b>		
Expand PACE Center - Miami PACE/additional slots JAX	<b>\$1,157,858</b>	<b>\$1,118,750</b>
Telephonic Psychiatric Consultation	<b>\$37,200</b>	<b>\$37,200</b>
Contracted Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist	<b>\$108,160</b>	<b>\$108,160</b>
Internet GED Testing	<b>\$55,000</b>	<b>\$55,000</b>
Expand CINS/FINS to Rural Underserved Areas	<b>\$1,501,605</b>	<b>\$1,551,605</b>
Documentation and Analysis of Dozier Gravesite	<b>\$200,000</b>	
Alliance of Florida Boys and Girls Clubs	<b>\$2,000,000</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Florida	<b>\$50,000</b>	
Web Based Early Intervention Program	<b>\$250,000</b>	
Informed Families of Florida Program	<b>\$200,000</b>	
Expansion of Florida Youth Challenge Academy	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
Additional staffing for DJJ Bureau of Contracts	<b>\$219,110</b>	<b>\$219,110</b>
Increase Juvenile Justice Prevention Services		<b>\$1,000,000</b>
YAP program (Duval and Nassau)		<b>\$100,000</b>
Maintenance and Repair for facilities	<b>\$6,801,868</b>	<b>\$5,600,000</b>
<b>BUDGET REDUCTIONS</b>		
Reduce Detention Bed Capacity- 53 FTEs	<b>(\$2,730,998)</b>	<b>(\$898,300)</b>
Reduce Vacant Positions over 180 Days- 11 FTEs		
Reduce Vacant Probation Positions- 21.5 FTEs		
Reduce Non-Secure Bed Capacity-133 beds, 14 FTE	<b>(\$5,830,907)</b>	<b>(\$5,612,444)</b>
Reduce Funding for Redirections	<b>(\$8,900,000)</b>	<b>(\$6,000,000)</b>
Eliminate Funding for Girls Advocacy Project Program	<b>(\$150,000)</b>	
Eliminate Funding New Horizons Community Mental Health	<b>(\$184,317)</b>	
Eliminate Funding for Community Coalition Program	<b>(\$574,080)</b>	
Reduce Staffing in DJJ Residential Services Staff-12 FTEs	<b>(\$663,696)</b>	<b>(\$663,696)</b>
Real Estate Savings		<b>(\$520,217)</b>
<b>Department Totals</b>	<b>\$515,036,455</b>	<b>\$517,414,368</b>