

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 17th. 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

Highlights of Proposed DJJ BUDGET (Side by Side)	Senate as passed SB1500	House as passed HB5001
BUDGET INVESTMENTS		
Expand PACE Center - Miami PACE/additional slots JAX	\$1,157,858	\$1,118,750
Telephonic Psychiatric Consultation	\$37,200	\$37,200
Contracted Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist	\$108,160	\$108,160
Internet GED Testing	\$55,000	\$55,000
Expand CINS/FINS to Rural Underserved Areas	\$1,501,605	\$1,551,605
Documentation and Analysis of Dozier Gravesite	\$200,000	
Alliance of Florida Boys and Girls Clubs	\$2,000,000	\$250,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Florida	\$50,000	
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	\$219,110
Increase Juvenile Justice Prevention Services		\$1,000,000
YAP program (Duval and Nassau)		\$100,000
Maintenance and Repair for facilities	\$6,801,868	\$5,600,000
BUDGET REDUCTIONS		
Reduce Detention Bed Capacity- 53 FTEs	(\$2,730,998)	(\$898,300)
Reduce Vacant Positions over 180 Days- 11 FTEs		
Reduce Vacant Probation Positions- 21.5 FTEs		
Reduce Non-Secure Bed Capacity-133 beds, 14 FTE	(\$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)
Department Totals	\$515,036,455	\$517,414,368