



Florida Juvenile Justice Association

LEGISLATIVE ALERT

Week Three: March 21, 2014

First Round of Budgets Released

Both the House and Senate released their budgets this week. The Juvenile Justice budget is as expected, with no major cuts and slight differences from Senate and House, with some local projects added.

FJJA Priority Bill Updates

HB173 (Adkins R-Fernandina Beach) has made it through the House and **SB598** (Bean R-Jacksonville) will be heard at the CJ Committee on Monday, March 24th. Secretary Walters and Cathy Craig-Myers will be on hand to testify in support of the bill. Current plans are to amend the Senate bill to the House bill. Thanks to all FJJA members and partners who continue to work with us to pass this priority bill. The **FJJA Education bill** provides for DJJ youth to have an individual educational plan with access to vocational credentials or industry certification. The bill also focuses education services to a youth's individual need, and provides opportunities to participate in post-secondary online courses or virtual school. This legislation and funding will provide DJJ youth with GED, postsecondary and industry certification opportunities, increasing their success, lowering recidivism rates, and realizing a return on investment for Florida taxpayers.

SB700 (Bradley R-Fleming Island) was approved with technical amendments at the third committee stop, CJ Appropriations. **HB 7055**, (CJ Subcommittee/Pilon (R-Sarasota), also received amendments and was approved by the Justice Appropriations Subcommittee. FJJA was on hand to support the bill on behalf of members. These bills seek to **revise Chapter 985** to reflect DJJ's current focus to concentrate resources on front-end interventions, as well as codify prevention, trauma informed care, reframing the mission to more of a rehabilitative model than punitive.

Side by Side differences	Governors Proposal	Senate Proposal	House Proposal
<i>Boys and Girls Club</i>		\$4M	\$1.5M
<i>Big Brothers Big Sisters</i>		\$1.1M	\$550k
<i>PACE Expansion</i>	\$637K	\$2M	\$1.575M
<i>Youth Advocacy Project</i>		\$200k	
<i>Pasco Summer Camp Program</i>		\$36k	
<i>Prodigy Expansion</i>		\$200k	
<i>Time to be Parents again</i>		\$200k	
<i>Broward JAC</i>		\$200k	
<i>CINSFINS Expansion</i>		\$3.4M	\$1.8M
<i>Education Program Expansion</i>			\$500k
<i>Monique Burr Foundation</i>			\$1M
<i>Word and Action</i>			\$125k
<i>Family Impression</i>			\$25k
<i>AMIkids</i>			\$750k
<i>The Greatest Save Program</i>			\$181k
<i>CDC Tampa Bay</i>		\$25k	
<i>Human Trafficking Assessment Tool</i>	\$1.5M		
Total DJJ Proposed Budget	\$542M	\$551M	\$543M

Bills of interest to be heard next week:

HB 461- Prosecution of Juveniles

HOUSE On Committee agenda - Criminal Justice Subcommittee, 03/24/14, 12:30 pm, 404 H - Workshop

SB 598 - Juvenile Justice Education Programs

SENATE On Committee agenda - Criminal Justice, 03/24/14, 4:00 pm, 37 S

SB768 - Human Trafficking

SENATE On Committee agenda - Criminal Justice, 03/24/14, 4:00 pm, 37 S

HB 953 - State Contracting

HOUSE On Committee agenda - Government Operations Appropriations Subcommittee, 03/24/14, 3:00 pm, 17 H

SB 1060 - Zero Tolerance- Student Conduct

SENATE On Committee agenda - Education, 03/25/14, 9:00 am, 412 K

SB1532 - Juvenile Detention Costs

SENATE On Committee agenda- Community Affairs, 3/25/14, 2:00 pm, 301S

FIIA Bill Tracking

Num	Title	Sponsor
HB 0095	Relating to Juvenile Civil Citations	Clarke-Reed
	HOUSE Now in Criminal Justice Subcommittee	
HB 0159	Relating to Establishment of Mental Health First Aid Training Program	Berman
	03/13/14 - HOUSE Now in Health & Human Services Committee	
HB 0173	Relating to Juvenile Justice Education Programs	Adkins
	03/20/14 - SENATE Referred to Education; Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations	
SB 0210	Relating to Juvenile Civil Citations	Gibson
	SENATE Referred to Criminal Justice; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Judiciary	
HB 0265	Relating to Arrest Booking Photographs	Trujillo
	03/13/14 - HOUSE Now in Judiciary Committee	
SB 0384	Relating to Juvenile Sentencing	Bradley
	03/18/14 - SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading	
HB 0451	Relating to Bullying	Fitzenhagen
	HOUSE Now in Criminal Justice Subcommittee	
HB 0455	Relating to Restitution for Juvenile Offenses	Eagle
	03/18/14 - HOUSE On Committee agenda - Health & Human Services Committee, 03/20/14, 9:00 am, 17 H	
HB 0461	Relating to Prosecution of Juveniles	Powell
	HOUSE Now in Criminal Justice Subcommittee	
SB 0548	Relating to Bullying	Simmons
	03/07/14 - SENATE Now in Appropriations	
SB 0574	Relating to Establishment of a Mental Health First Aid Training Program	Sobel
	03/19/14 - SENATE Now in Appropriations	
HB 0589	Relating to Children and Youth Cabinet	Harrell
	03/18/14 - HOUSE On Committee agenda - Health & Human Services Committee, 03/20/14, 9:00 am, 17 H	
SB 0598	Relating to Juvenile Justice Education Programs	Bean
	03/19/14 - SENATE On Committee agenda - Criminal Justice, 03/24/14, 4:00 pm, 37 S	
SB 0700	Relating to Department of Juvenile Justice	Bradley
	03/19/14 - SENATE Favorable with CS by Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays	
SB 0768	Relating to Human Trafficking	Braynon
	03/19/14 - SENATE On Committee agenda - Criminal Justice, 03/24/14, 4:00 pm, 37 S	
SB 0778	Relating to Student Discipline	Bullard
	SENATE Referred to Education; Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations	
HB 0953	Relating to State Contracting	Peters
	03/18/14 - HOUSE Now in Government Operations Appropriations Subcommittee	
HB 0989	Relating to Human Trafficking	Trujillo
	03/19/14 - HOUSE Favorable with CS by Justice Appropriations Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays	

FJA Bill Tracking

HB 1071	Relating to Sexually Exploited Children	Fresen	03/05/14 - HOUSE Now in Healthy Families Subcommittee
SB 1164	Relating to Human Trafficking	Simmons	02/28/14 - SENATE Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; Appropriations
HB 7035	Relating to Juvenile Sentencing	Criminal Justice Subcommittee	03/19/14 - HOUSE On Committee agenda - Judiciary Committee, 03/21/14, 9:00 am, 404 H
HB 7055	Relating to Juvenile Justice	Criminal Justice Subcommittee	03/20/14 - HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
H7141	Relating to Human Trafficking	Healthy Families Subcommittee	HOUSE Committee Bill filed as H 7141
H7035	Relating to Juvenile Sentencing	Criminal Justice Subcommittee	HOUSE Committee Bill now filed as H 7035

Human Trafficking Bills Slow Down

SB 7088 was heard this week, a human trafficking bill that utilized language taken from a House committee proposal recently passed.

There had been concerns raised in the House about the secure facility pilot program, including Rep. Lori Berman (D-Boynton Beach) who expressed concerns about locking up children, who had been traumatized. Chair Harrell shared her thoughts that the pilot facility would be "a place of healing." Advocates don't agree with that.

Senators were pleased overall with some of the language including new guidelines for assessment, screening and response protocols. However, Dr. Lawanda Ravoira, President of the Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center and Roy Miller, President of the Children's Campaign challenged the committee to rethink the section that would implement a pilot locked "safe house" facility.

Citing research, Dr. Ravoira gave compelling testimony of the further harm inflicted to young victims of child abuse and child rape.

Senators agreed that the bill needs more review and temporarily postponed it.

Conversation about Child Welfare Reform Deepens with Miami Herald Articles

A massive reform proposal (**SB 1666, SB 1668 and SB 1670**) was unanimously passed by the Senate Committee on Children, Families and Elder Affairs last week. Following a series of articles by the Miami Herald, Sen. Eleanor Sobel, (D-Hollywood) has announced the passed bill would need to be revisited and rewritten.

Meanwhile, the House Healthy Families Subcommittee continues to workshop (PCB HFS 14-03) their reform proposal.