



Florida Juvenile Justice Association

LEGISLATIVE ALERT

Week Five: April 4, 2014

Budgets Passed Early, Next -Budget Conference

The House budget is \$75.3 billion, slightly larger than the \$74.9 billion Senate budget. Now the differences between the Senate budget (SB 2500) and the House budget (HB 5001), roughly \$400M, must be reconciled during the Budget Conference process. Both exceed the \$74.2 billion budget proposed by Governor Scott.

The House and Senate will not be meeting the week of Passover and Easter.

FJJA Priority Bill Updates

DJJ Education

HB173 (Adkins R- Fernandina Beach) passed through the House floor and was taken up in messages to the Senate, where the Senate picked it up.

SB598 (Bean R-Jacksonville) will be heard Wednesday at the Senate Education Appropriations committee. Cathy Craig-Myers will testify in support on behalf of FJJA.

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.

985 Rewrite- Juvenile Justice Statutes

SB700 (Bradley R-Fleming Island) is at the final stop, Appropriations, and awaits a hearing.

HB 7055, (CJ Subcommittee/Pilon (R-Sarasota), is on the special order calendar this week.

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.

<i>Updated Side by Side differences</i>	Senate Proposal <u>SB2500</u>	House Proposal <u>HB5001</u>
<i>Boys and Girls Club</i>	\$4M	\$1.5M
<i>Big Brothers Big Sisters</i>	\$1.1M	\$550K
<i>PACE Expansion</i>	\$2M	\$1.575M
<i>Youth Advocacy Project</i>	\$200K	0
<i>Pasco Summer Camp Program</i>	\$36K	0
<i>Prodigy Expansion</i>	\$200K	0
<i>Time to be Parents again</i>	\$200K	0
<i>Broward JAC</i>	\$200K	0
<i>CINSEINS Expansion</i>	\$3.4M	\$1.827M
<i>Education Program Expansion</i>	0	\$500K
<i>Monique Burr Foundation</i>	0	\$1M
<i>Word and Action</i>	0	\$125K
<i>Family Impression</i>	0	\$25K
<i>AMIkids</i>	0	\$750K
<i>The Greatest Save Program</i>	0	\$181K
<i>CDC Tampa Bay</i>	\$25K	0
<i>Human Trafficking Assessment Tool</i>	0	0
Total DJJ Proposed Budget	\$551M	\$543M

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Human Trafficking of Minors– SB1724/HB7141

Of all of the bills relating to Human Trafficking of minors, the most controversial bill is SB1724, which contains provisions of “secure safe houses.” The secure safe house program component of the bill relates to a pilot project, which many advocates oppose.

DCF has publically supported the bill, and last week, Senators Nancy Detert (R-Bradenton) and Denise Grimsley (R-Sebring) proposed sending the bill to the Judiciary Committee for constitutional review. That said, the Senate Children, Families, and Elder Affairs Committee did pass the bill. The House companion, the House Healthy Families Committee's HB 141 will be heard on Tuesday, April 8 at 9 AM in the Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee.

Reform of the Child Welfare System– SB1666

The Miami Herald investigation of the flaws in the child welfare system, gave all related bills time to slow down, and now, multiple child welfare reform bills in the Senate (SB 1666, SB 1668, SB 1670) were combined into a single bill (SB1666) amended and passed out of the Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee on Tuesday, April 1. The bill now emphasizes safety of children rather prioritizing family preservation.

Most public testimony related to please to ensure the passage of the reform bill with adequate funding to implement.

Bills of Interest to be Heard Week Six:

SB598– Juvenile Justice Education SENATE - Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, 04/09/14, 9:00 am, 412 K

SB768– Human Trafficking- SENATE - Judiciary, 04/08/14, 9:00 am, 110 S

HB7141– Human Trafficking-HOUSE - Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee, 04/08/14, 9:00 am, 212 K

SB1020– Code of Student conduct- SENATE - Judiciary, 04/08/14, 9:00 am, 110 S