

Florida Juvenile Justice Association

Legislative

Update

Week Eight

April 27, 2013

House and Senate Conclude Budget Conference Hoping to End Session on Time

Late Sunday evening, the House and Senate agreed to a \$74.4 billion 2013-2014 fiscal plan; \$4 billion higher than the current budget and the largest budget in Florida history. The budget funds teacher and state worker raises, and invests more than \$1 billion in education. Session is set to end this Friday, May 3rd.

Bill Tracking

DJJ Legislative Package - CS/HB 617 streamlining Juvenile Justice Advisory Boards and County Councils was temporarily postponed. The companion bill, **SB 676** was substituted for the House bill. **CS/SB 672** is positioned for a final vote on the Senate floor; the House companion, **CS/HB 353** has already been approved by the House. This legislation creates a criminal penalty in statute for those that neglect or abuse children, including those in DJJ beyond 18 yrs of age. It also repeals the Youth Custody Officer position and jail tours, which placed DJJ federal prevention funding at risk.

FJJA's Education Legislative Priority HB 441 passed on the special order calendar, and Senate companion, **SB 1406** has passed out of the Senate Education Committee. A House appropriation of \$1.6 M (**HB5001**) to fund legislation was accepted by the Senate in budget conference. We expect **HB 441** to be taken up by the Senate. This bill enhances transition services by expanding collaboration in a youth's transition planning; requires that school districts to consider the needs of individual youth when they return to school; enhances career and technical education; will improve accountability and enhance access to virtual education. All these enhancements will help to lower recidivism rates and protect public safety.

Highlights of Proposed DJJ BUDGET (Side by Side)	Senate	House	Final Agreement Budget Conference
BUDGET INVESTMENTS			
Expand PACE - Miami /additional slots in JAX	\$2,000,000	\$1,118,750	\$2,057,000
PACE Statewide	-	-	\$628,000
Contracted Child Psychiatrist/consultation	\$108,160	\$108,160	\$145,000
Internet GED Testing	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000
Expand CINS/FINS to Rural Underserved Areas	\$1,501,605	\$1,501,605	\$1,501,605
Pasco County Challenge Kids	\$36,000		\$36,000
Documentation/Analysis of former Dozier School for Boys Gravesite	\$200,000 In DJJ budget	\$190,000 In DOE budget for USF	\$190,000 In DOE budget for USF
Alliance of Florida Boys and Girls Clubs	\$1,816,276	\$500,000	\$5,000,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Florida	\$500,000	\$100,000	\$1,500,000
Web Based Early Intervention Program	-	-	-
Informed Families of Florida Program	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Expansion of Florida Youth Challenge Academy	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000
Additional staffing for DJJ Bureau of Contracts	\$219,110	\$219,110	\$219,110
Increase Juvenile Justice Prevention Services	-	-	-
YAP program (Duval and Nassau)	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
SEED School of Miami	-	-	\$375,000
Maintenance and Repair for facilities	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
Juvenile Justice Education (proviso)	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000 In Education budget

BUDGET REDUCTIONS			
Reduce Detention Bed Capacity- 53 FTEs	(\$2,730,998)	(\$2,730,998)	(\$2,730,998)
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)	(\$5,830,907)	(\$5,830,907)
Reduce Funding for Redirections <small>Reduction is for 2012-2013 funding, never contracted out</small>	(\$7,000,000)	(\$6,000,000)	(\$6,000,000)
Eliminate Funding for Girls Advocacy Project Program (GAP)	(\$150,000)	(\$150,000)	(\$150,000)
Eliminate Funding New Horizons Mental Health	-	-	No reduction
Eliminate Funding for Community Coalition Program	(\$574,080)	(\$574,080)	(\$574,080)
Reduce Staffing -DJJ Residential -12 FTEs	(\$663,696)	(\$663,696)	(\$663,696)
Real Estate Savings	(\$520,217)	(\$520,217)	(\$520,217)
Department Totals	SENATE \$513,572,353,	HOUSE \$511,777,925	CONFERENCE \$518,613,925
			Includes: General Revenue- \$354,863,139 Trust Funds- \$163,750,786