

SESSION ENDS - BUT LEGISLATORS WILL RETURN THIS WEEK TO REDRAW SENATE MAP

Session ended at midnight on Friday, with legislators passing a \$70 billion budget that cut 4,354 positions from state government, cut funding for hospitals, nursing homes and universities and eliminated prison beds. Also last Friday, the Florida Supreme Court approved the House redistricting plan, but rejected the Senate redistricting plan. Governor Scott immediately called for a special session starting Wednesday, ordering the Senate back to work on the Senate redistricting maps. To further complicate last week, Leon County Circuit Court Judge Jackie Fulford ruled that the law requiring members of the Florida Retirement System (FRS) to contribute 3 percent of their salaries to the pension fund was unconstitutional. This reversal, if eventually upheld, could cause the state to need to find \$2 billion additional dollars to make up the shortfall, ***potentially making next year's session a potential nightmare.***

WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES

Last year, we saw DJJ take a cut of \$70 million, rounding out a 3-year trend that took \$167million away from the department. Upon the Governor's signature, the Department of Juvenile Justice will see a \$525.6 million budget for next year, a very slight increase of 0.07 percent (\$345K) over current year. The Department of Corrections, a big target of the Legislature, took a much bigger hit this year, losing 5.4 percent (117M) for next year.

ISSUE	SENATE	HOUSE	Final Conference Agreements HB5001
Reduce Redirections Program- 10%	N/A	(\$936K)	No cuts on this line
Reduce non-delinquency rehab -10%	N/A	(\$1.8M)	No cuts on this line
Reduce PACE services- 10%	N/A	(\$766K)	No cuts on this line
Reduce CINSFINS services- 10%	N/A	(\$1.9M)	No cuts on this line
Eliminate legislative initiatives	N/A	(\$2.055M)	No cuts on this line
Respite care for domestic violence youth	\$1.176M	\$1.176M	Funded at \$1.176M
Reduce 288 (House) 382 (Senate) non-secure residential beds	(\$15.6M)	(\$11.8M)	(\$11.8M) state operated beds per proviso
Reduce 45 wilderness residential beds	(\$1.48M)	(\$1.48M)	(\$1.48M)
Reduce detention for domestic violence youth	(\$3.2M)	(\$3.2M)	(\$3.2M)
Reduce detention cost share for fiscally constrained	(\$748K)	(\$748K)	(\$748K)
Boys and Girls Club new facility in Pasco County	N/A	\$1M	Funded at \$1M
Capital Outlay- Here's Help Residential facility	N/A	\$200K	Funded at \$200K
Expand Redirection Program	\$10M	N/A	Funded at \$6M
Statewide Electronic Records	\$500K	\$914K	Not funded
Increase Transition Planning & Case Management	\$1.3M		Funded at \$2.45M
Increase funds for WINGS Program (girls/infants)	\$138K	\$383K	Not funded
Boys & Girls Club Gang Prevention	\$2M	\$956K	Funded at \$2M
Respite Care for Domestic Violence Youth	\$1.176M	\$3.5 M	Funded at \$1.17M

Web Based Early Intervention	\$600K	N/A	Funded at \$450K
Maintenance and repair at closed Desoto facility	\$250K	\$250K	Funded at \$250K
Maintenance and repair	\$1.2M	\$240K	Funded at \$800K
Total DJJ Budget Passed		\$525,633,765	
General Revenue - \$359,649,097- Trust Funds- \$165,984,668			
Total FTE reductions as of March 5th		77 (detention, residential TBD)	

CONFORMING BILLS

HB 5401: Juvenile Detention

Detention care definition will now include alternatives to secure detention such as respite care. Instead of paying detention cost, counties would be required to pay the costs of respite care.

Net savings of \$2 million

HB5101: Prekindergarten through Grade 12 Education Funding

Require districts to provide discretionary local effort funds up to the state average and/or state compression funding for all juvenile justice education students.

Additional funding ranges - \$100-\$400 per youth depending on district.

BILLS PASSED

LEGISLATION	OUTCOME
Juvenile Justice Education – HB949 Creates individualized transition plans, creates Stephen Wise Commission	(FAILED)
Juvenile Justice – HB173 Allows DJJ to pay up to \$5,000 in funeral expenses of children who die in DJJ custody, authorizes mother - infant programs.	(PASSED)
Zero Tolerance – HB1445 Clarifies current law that petty acts of misconduct and some misdemeanor offenses are not threats to school safety.	(FAILED)
Juvenile Expunction – HB 497 Allows minors with certain felony arrests to expunge non judicial arrest record upon successful completion of pre arrest or post arrest diversion.	(FAILED)
Parole of Juvenile Offenders – HB005 Provides that juvenile offender less than 18 years of age at time of commission of non homicide offense who is sentenced to life imprisonment is eligible for resentencing if they have been incarcerated for minimum period.	(FAILED)
Background Screening – HB943 Creates background screening clearinghouse, exempts volunteers, relatives, physicians, nurses, and other licensed professionals from Level 2 background screening.	(PASSED)
Human Trafficking HB 7049 Increases penalties for human smugglers and those who traffic minors. Puts offenders on sexual predators list.	(PASSED)