



# Florida Juvenile Justice Association

# LEGISLATIVE ALERT

## Legislative Session Begins

**Week One: March 7, 2014**

Session kicked off this week. Governor Scott delivered a “state of the state” speech focused on jobs, and the House and Senate continued to promote a joint 5-Point Plan (*see at right*) Target areas of plan include child welfare reform, human trafficking, career and technical education and jobs, increased funding for Guardian Ad Litem and child advocacy centers.

## Committee Meeting Highlights

Committees were busy this first week hearing bills. **SB700** (985 bill) passed through the Judiciary with two committee stops left. FJJA was on hand to testify in support of the bill. **HB7055** (985 bill ) has been referenced to CJ Appropriations and Judiciary. **HB173** (JJ Education) passed through the final committee and is on the second reading calendar. **SB 384** (juvenile sentencing) also passed through the first committee this week.

## Bills on FJJA Radar

HB 0095	Juvenile Civil Citations	Clarke-Reed
HB 0173	Juvenile Justice Education Programs	Adkins
SB 0210	Juvenile Civil Citations	Gibson
SB 0384	Relating to Juvenile Sentencing	Bradley
HB 0451	Relating to Bullying	Fitzenhagen
HB 0455	Restitution for Juvenile Offenses	Eagle
HB 0461	Relating to Prosecution of Juveniles	Powell
SB 0548	Relating to Bullying	Simmons
SB 0598	Juvenile Justice Education Programs	Bean
SB 0700	Chapter 985 Rewrite (Juvenile Justice)	Bradley
SB 0768	Relating to Human Trafficking	Braynon
HB 0953	Relating to State Contracting	Peters
HB 0989	Relating to Human Trafficking	Trujillo
HB 1017	Relating to Human Trafficking	Spano
SB 1040	Restitution for Juvenile Offenses	Detert
HB 1071	Sexually Exploited Children	Fresen
SB 1164	Relating to Human Trafficking	Simmons
HB 7035	Relating to Juvenile Sentencing	CJ Subcommittee
HB 7055	Chapter 985 Rewrite (Juvenile Justice)	CJ Subcommittee
CRJS8	Relating to Juvenile Sentencing	CJ Subcommittee
HFS2	Relating to Human Trafficking	Healthy Families Subcommittee

## House and Senate 5 Point Priority Plan

### **Economic Opportunity through Education**

*Expand pathways out of poverty through education and jobs*

### **Florida GI Bill**

*Expand Education and Employment Opportunities*

### **Protect Vulnerable Floridians**

*Increase safeguards for Florida’s children and seniors*

### **\$500 Million Tax Cut**

*Reduce the amount of money government takes from Floridians who earn it*

### **Improve Government Accountability/ Efficiency**

*Achieve reform of the Florida Retirement System and continue to improve ethics laws*

[Read plan](#)

## Bills up Next Week

**SB598** (JJ Education) Education Committee - 03/11/14, 1:30 pm, 412 K

**HB173** (JJ Education) is on Special Order Calendar, 03/11/14

**SB700** (985) Criminal Justice Appropriations Committee 03/12/14, 9:00 am, 37 S

**HB989** (HT) Criminal Justice Subcommittee, 03/10/14, 2:00 pm, 404 H

## Governor Scott Kicks off New PACE Center for Girls in Miami

Governor Rick Scott visited Miami this week to celebrate the opening of the new PACE Center for Girls.

The Governor has included money in his budget proposal to expand current capacity of PACE Centers for Girls to serve more girls statewide.

[Read Governor Scott Press Release](#)