

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2011 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Criminal Justice

CS/SB 618 — Juvenile Justice

by Criminal Justice Committee and Senator Evers

The bill repeals numerous sections and provisions containing obsolete language in ch. 985, F.S., to more accurately reflect current practices within the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). The specific provisions which the bill deletes include the following:

- Serious or habitual juvenile offender programs and intensive residential treatment programs for offenders under 13 which are underutilized and not needed anymore;
- Sheriff's Training and Respect programs which have not been operational since 2008;
- Inspectors within the Inspector General's Office being sworn law enforcement officers when deemed necessary by the Secretary of DJJ (DJJ has never had sworn law enforcement officers); and
- Juvenile Justice Standards and Training Commission which provided staff development and training, except that since it expired in 2001, the department has taken over its training duties.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2011.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 114-0