

Committee on Criminal Justice

CS/SB 1552 — Juvenile Justice

by Appropriations Committee and Senator Bracy

The bill makes numerous changes relating to juvenile justice. Specifically, the bill:

- Removes the requirement that the proceeds from the “Invest in Children” license plate must be allocated based on each county’s proportionate share of the license plate annual use fee;
- Requires a prolific juvenile offender who violates conditions of his or her nonsecure detention to be held in secure detention until a detention hearing is held;
- Reenacts statutory authority (s. 985.672, F.S.) for the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) to establish a direct-support organization (DSO) to provide assistance, funding, and support to assist the DJJ in furthering its goals; and
- Requires the secretary of DJJ to appoint members to the DSO’s board of directors according to the DSO’s bylaws.

The bill also makes the following changes, effective July 1, 2019:

- Revises the Detention Risk Assessment Instrument (DRAI) used to determine placement of a juvenile in detention care; and
- Replaces the term “nonsecure” with “supervised release” and makes conforming changes throughout ch. 985, F.S., to be consistent with terminology and operation of the revised DRAI.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2018, except where otherwise provided.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 77-37