



Conference Committee on  
House Justice Budget Subcommittee/  
Senate Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice

**House Offer #1**  
Implementing Bill

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**House of Representatives Justice Budget Subcommittee / Senate Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice  
FY 2026-2027 Implementing Bill Language**

Line	House Bill 5003E	Senate Bill 2502E	Description	Original	House Offer #1	Line
1	42	44	<b>DOC / CJEC BUDGET AMENDMENT.</b> Amends s. 216.262, F.S., to allow the Executive Office of the Governor (EOG) to request additional positions and appropriations from unallocated general revenue during the fiscal year for the Department of Corrections (DOC) if the actual inmate population of the DOC exceeds certain Criminal Justice Estimating Conference forecasts. The additional positions and appropriations may be used for essential staff, fixed capital improvements, and other resources to provide classification, security, food services, health services, and other variable expenses within the institutions to accommodate the estimated increase in the inmate population, and are subject to LBC review and approval.	Identical	Identical	1
2	43	45	<b>COURT TRUST FUND LOAN.</b> Amends s. 215.18, F.S., to provide chief justice the authority to request a trust fund loan.	Identical	Identical	2
3	44	46	<del><b>DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE.</b> Requires the Department of Juvenile Justice to review county juvenile detention payments to ensure that counties are fulfilling their financial responsibilities. If the department determines that a county has not met its obligations, Department of Revenue must deduct the amount owed to the Department of Juvenile Justice from shared revenue funds provided to the county under s. 218.23, F.S.</del>	Identical	<b>No Language; Codified in Ch. 2026-16, L.O.F</b>	3
4	45 & 46	47 & 48	<b>PRIVATE COURT-APPOINTED COUNSEL.</b> Amends s. 27.40, F.S., to require written certification of conflict by a public defender. If the office of criminal conflict and civil regional counsel cannot accept a case from the public defender due to conflict, the office of civil regional counsel is required to specifically identify and describe the conflict of interest and certify the conflict to the court before a court-appointed counsel may be assigned.  Contracts with appointed counsel and forms for use in billing must be consistent with ss. 27.5304, and 216.311. The contract must specify that payment is contingent upon an appropriation by the Legislature. The flat fee established in s. 27.5304 is required to be presumed to be sufficient compensation.  The Justice Administrative Commission (JAC) is required to review appointed counsel billings, and objections by the JAC are required to be presumed correct unless a court determines, in writing, that competent and substantial evidence exists to justify overcoming the presumption. If an attorney does not permit the JAC or the Auditor General to review billing documentation, the attorney waives the claim for attorney fees. A finding by the JAC that the appointed counsel waived the right to seek compensation above the flat fee is required to be presumed correct, unless a court determines, in written findings, that competent and substantial evidence exists to overcome the presumption.	Identical	Identical	4
5	47 & 48	49 & 50	<b>PRIVATE COURT-APPOINTED COUNSEL/COMPENSATION.</b> Amends s. 27.5304, F.S., to increase caps for compensation of court appointed counsel in criminal cases. Court-appointed counsel may be compensated only in compliance with s. 27.40(1), (2)(a), (6), (7), this section, and the GAA. The JAC is required to review all billings and must contemporaneously document its review before authorizing payment to an attorney. Objections by the JAC to billings by an attorney are required to be presumed correct by a court unless the court determines, in writing, that competent and substantial evidence supports overcoming the presumption. Motions to exceed the flat fee are required to be served on the JAC at least 20 business days before the hearing date, and the JAC may appear at the hearing in person or telephonically.	Identical	Identical	5

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6	49	51	<b>LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT IMMIGRANT GRANT PROGRAM.</b> Amends s. 908.1033, F.S., to clarify that county correctional officers are eligible for bonus payments provided to local law enforcement from the Local Law Enforcement Immigration Grant Program.	Identical	<b>Identical</b>	6
7	50	N/A	<b>DLA VOCA Grants.</b> Notwithstanding ss. 216.181 and 216.292, F.S., authorizes the Department of Legal Affairs (DLA) to submit budget amendments, subject to the notice, review, and objection procedures of s. 216.177, F.S., to increase budget authority to support Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) assistance grants if additional federal revenues specific to VOCA assistance services become available in the 2026-2027 fiscal year.	Different	<b>House</b>	7
8	51	N/A	<b>FDLE PAYMENT SCAMS STUDY.</b> Requires Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) to conduct a payment scam study and provide a report to the Legislature, and public, on details relating to the study; provide legislative or regulatory recommendations to enhance detection and prevention of payment scams; and provide recommendations to enhance cooperation among other parties on data collection, reporting requirements, number of complaints and consumers affected, and evaluation of effectiveness of anti-scam training programs.	Different	<b>House</b>	8
9	N/A	52	<b>DRONE AS A FIRST RESPONDER GRANT PROGRAM.</b> Amends s. 934.50(7), F.S., to create the Drone as a First Responder grant program within the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to provide funds, subject to appropriation, for the purchase of new drones to law enforcement agencies, fire service providers, ambulance crews, or other first responders, on a first-come, first-served basis; requires that grant funding be matched at least 50 percent by local funding, except in specified circumstances; limits total grant funding to a maximum of \$250,000 per agency and \$50,000 per drone; and authorizes FDLE to adopt emergency rules to implement grant program.	Different	<b>House</b>	9
10	N/A	N/A	<b>FDLE PROTECTIVE SERVICES.</b> Requires Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) to provide certain nominees and officers-elect with a protective security detail for a specified time period.		<b>House New</b>	10