

By Senator Forman

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to juvenile justice; amending
3 s. 985.414, F.S.; requiring that specified
4 entities participate in the interagency
5 agreement developed by the county juvenile
6 justice council; specifying information to be
7 included in the agreement; amending s. 985.415,
8 F.S.; clarifying the minimum requirements
9 pertaining to an application for a community
10 juvenile justice partnership grant; specifying
11 entities that must participate in the
12 application for such a grant; providing an
13 effective date.

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15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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17 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section
18 985.414, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

19 985.414 County juvenile justice councils.--

20 (2)

21 (b) The duties and responsibilities of a county
22 juvenile justice council include, but are not limited to:

23 1. Developing a county juvenile justice plan based
24 upon utilization of the resources of law enforcement, the
25 school system, the Department of Juvenile Justice, the
26 Department of Children and Family Services, and others in a
27 cooperative and collaborative manner to prevent or discourage
28 juvenile crime and develop meaningful alternatives to school
29 suspensions and expulsions.

30 2. Entering into a written county interagency
31 agreement specifying the nature and extent of contributions

1 each signatory agency will make in achieving the goals of the
2 county juvenile justice plan and their commitment to the
3 sharing of information useful in carrying out the goals of the
4 interagency agreement to the extent authorized by law. The
5 interagency agreement must include at least the following
6 participants: local school authorities, local law enforcement
7 agencies, and local representatives of the department and the
8 Department of Children and Family Services. The agreement must
9 specify how community entities will cooperate, collaborate,
10 and share information to further the goals of the district and
11 county juvenile justice plans.

12 3. Applying for and receiving public or private
13 grants, to be administered by one of the community partners,
14 that support one or more components of the county juvenile
15 justice plan.

16 4. Designating the county representatives to the
17 district juvenile justice board pursuant to s. 985.413.

18 5. Providing a forum for the presentation of
19 interagency recommendations and the resolution of
20 disagreements relating to the contents of the county
21 interagency agreement or the performance by the parties of
22 their respective obligations under the agreement.

23 Section 2. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1) of
24 section 985.415, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

25 985.415 Community Juvenile Justice Partnership
26 Grants.--

27 (1) GRANTS; CRITERIA.--

28 (a) In order to encourage the development of county
29 and district juvenile justice plans, as required in ss.
30 985.414(2)(b)1. and 985.413(3)(d)2. and (4)(a),and the
31 development and implementation of county and district

1 interagency agreements, as required in ss. 985.414(2)(b)2. and
2 985.413(3)(d)3.,among representatives of the Department of
3 Juvenile Justice, the Department of Children and Family
4 Services, law enforcement, and school authorities, the
5 community juvenile justice partnership grant program is
6 established, which program shall be administered by the
7 Department of Juvenile Justice.

8 (b) The department may consider ~~shall only consider~~
9 applications that ~~which~~ at a minimum provide for the
10 following:

11 1. The participation and cooperation of the agencies
12 or programs that are needed to implement the project or
13 program for which the applicant is applying ~~of the local~~
14 ~~school authorities, local law enforcement, and local~~
15 ~~representatives of the Department of Juvenile Justice and the~~
16 ~~Department of Children and Family Services pursuant to a~~
17 ~~written interagency partnership agreement. Such agreement must~~
18 ~~specify how community entities will cooperate, collaborate,~~
19 ~~and share information in furtherance of the goals of the~~
20 ~~district and county juvenile justice plan; and~~

21 2. The reduction of truancy and in-school and
22 out-of-school suspensions and expulsions, and the enhancement
23 of school safety.

24 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998.
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SENATE SUMMARY

Provides that specified entities must participate in the interagency agreement developed by the county juvenile justice council. Specifies information that must be included in the agreement. Clarifies the minimum requirements pertaining to an application for a community juvenile justice partnership grant. Amends provisions that specify which entities must participate in the application for such a grant, by deleting specific entities and providing that those agencies or programs that are necessary to the implementation of a particular program or project must participate.