

By the Committee on Juvenile Justice and Representative
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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to juvenile delinquency
3 prevention services; creating the Office of
4 Statewide Juvenile Delinquency Prevention
5 Coordination within the Department of Juvenile
6 Justice; defining juvenile delinquency
7 prevention services; requiring the Office of
8 Statewide Juvenile Delinquency Prevention
9 Coordination to develop and update a
10 coordinated multiagency juvenile delinquency
11 prevention policy; requiring the office to seek
12 input from state agencies or entities that
13 receive state appropriations to fund juvenile
14 delinquency prevention services in the
15 development and updating of the policy;
16 providing policy requirements; providing for an
17 annual convening of juvenile delinquency
18 prevention service providers by the office;
19 requiring state agencies or entities that
20 receive or use state appropriations to fund
21 juvenile delinquency prevention services to
22 track and collect specified outcome data;
23 requiring the office to develop and publish
24 model performance measures and methodology for
25 collecting certain data; requiring agencies or
26 entities that use state appropriations to fund
27 juvenile delinquency prevention services to
28 submit certain information to the office;
29 requiring the office to submit a report,
30 present findings, and make recommendations to
31 the Legislature; providing an effective date.

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

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3 Section 1. The Department of Juvenile Justice shall
4 administer an Office of Statewide Juvenile Delinquency
5 Prevention Coordination. The office shall serve as the
6 clearinghouse for information concerning all state-funded
7 juvenile delinquency prevention services. For purposes of this
8 act, "juvenile delinquency prevention service" means any
9 program, grant, appropriation, or activity that is designed to
10 prevent juvenile crime, delinquency, gang membership, or
11 status offense behaviors, or that is designed to prevent a
12 child from becoming a "child in need of services," as defined
13 in chapter 984, Florida Statutes.

14 Section 2. The Office of Statewide Juvenile
15 Delinquency Prevention Coordination shall develop and annually
16 update a coordinated multiagency juvenile delinquency
17 prevention policy. In developing and updating the policy, the
18 Office of Statewide Juvenile Delinquency Prevention
19 Coordination shall seek input from each state agency or entity
20 that receives or uses state appropriations to fund juvenile
21 delinquency prevention services. The policy shall specify
22 priority considerations for juvenile delinquency prevention
23 services. On an annual basis, the Office of Statewide Juvenile
24 Delinquency Prevention Coordination shall convene designated
25 personnel from state-funded juvenile delinquency prevention
26 service providers which focus on the same priority
27 considerations for the purpose of sharing information,
28 coordinating resources, and providing input to the multiagency
29 prevention policy.

30 Section 3. Each state agency or entity that receives
31 or uses state appropriations to fund juvenile delinquency

1 prevention services shall collect outcome data relative to the
2 performance of a juvenile delinquency prevention service or
3 services funded through the agency or entity.

4 (1) At a minimum, each state-funded juvenile
5 delinquency prevention service provider shall track and
6 collect the following data:

7 (a) The number of youth served by the prevention
8 service;

9 (b) The number of youth who complete the prevention
10 service;

11 (c) The number of juvenile delinquency prevention
12 service hours provided to youth participating in the service;

13 (d) The number and percentage of youth participating
14 in the service who were referred for delinquency while
15 receiving the juvenile prevention service; and

16 (e) The number and percentage of youth participating
17 in the service who were referred for delinquency within 6
18 months after completing the juvenile delinquency prevention
19 service.

20 (2) In addition to the data specified in subsection
21 (1), each state-funded juvenile delinquency prevention service
22 provider shall track and document outcome data for one or more
23 of the following:

24 (a) The attendance records of youth participating in
25 the service to identify the percentage of youth who
26 experienced excused absences, unexcused absences, in-school
27 suspensions, off-campus suspensions, and expulsions, and who
28 dropped out while participating in the service. The outcome
29 data must also reflect the rate at which those experiences
30 occurred among the youth participating in the service.

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1 (b) The number of arrests of youth who are
2 participating in the service. The outcome data must reflect
3 the percentage of these arrests that resulted from crimes
4 alleged to have occurred during nonschool hours. The outcome
5 data shall reflect the rate at which such arrests occurred
6 among youth participating in the service. Services shall
7 track correlation between the time of arrest of any child
8 participating in the service and the school hours or
9 employment hours of the child's primary caregiver.

10 (c) The number of arrests of youth who are
11 participating in the service. The outcome data must reflect
12 the percentage of these arrests that resulted from crimes of
13 violence and the percentage which resulted from drug crimes.
14 The outcome data shall also reflect the rate at which such
15 arrests occurred among the youth participating in the service.

16 (d) The number and percentage of youth who received
17 employment while participating in the service or within 90
18 days of completing the service. For each youth so employed,
19 services shall track the duration of employment up to 180
20 days.

21 (3) The Office of Statewide Juvenile Delinquency
22 Prevention Coordination shall develop and publish model
23 performance measures and methodology for collecting the data
24 described in subsection (2). All state agencies or entities
25 that receive or use state appropriations to fund juvenile
26 delinquency prevention services shall specify performance
27 measures or other descriptive information indicating how the
28 required data will be collected. Agencies and entities are
29 encouraged to identify additional relevant performance
30 measures and to track outcome data related to said measures
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1 for the purpose of informing the annual consideration of the
2 coordinated multiagency prevention policy.

3 Section 4. Each agency or entity that receives or uses
4 state appropriations to fund juvenile delinquency prevention
5 services shall submit to the Office of Statewide Juvenile
6 Delinquency Prevention Coordination beginning no later than
7 September 1, 2001, and no later than September 1 of each year
8 thereafter, a description of the priority considerations
9 targeted, the performance measures specified, and the outcome
10 data collected from each state-funded juvenile delinquency
11 prevention service administered by the agency or entity.

12 Section 5. The Office of Statewide Juvenile
13 Delinquency Prevention Coordination shall evaluate the
14 priority considerations, performance measures, and outcome
15 data of the state-funded juvenile delinquency prevention
16 services submitted from the agencies or entities as required
17 by this act. This evaluation shall be the basis for an annual
18 report to the Legislature specifying the number and types of
19 juvenile delinquency prevention services operating in the
20 state and must include an assessment of the services relative
21 to their priority considerations, performance measures, and
22 outcome data. The Office of Statewide Juvenile Delinquency
23 Prevention Coordination shall include in the report its
24 findings concerning the significance of the specified priority
25 considerations, model performance measures and methodology,
26 and minimum outcome data relative to the effectiveness of
27 statewide juvenile delinquency prevention efforts. These
28 findings shall inform the Legislature as to the
29 appropriateness of the priority considerations, model
30 performance measures and methodology, and minimum outcome
31 data. The Office of Statewide Juvenile Delinquency Prevention

1 Coordination shall receive recommendations from the
2 Legislature concerning the development and updating of the
3 coordinated multiagency juvenile delinquency prevention
4 policy. The Office of Statewide Juvenile Delinquency
5 Coordination shall work diligently to identify any
6 considerations that may be of critical importance to
7 preventing a child from becoming a child in need of services
8 or to the prevention of juvenile crime, delinquency, gang
9 membership, or status offense behaviors. The Office of
10 Statewide Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Coordination shall
11 present any such findings to the Legislature as part of its
12 annual report.

13 Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

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15 HOUSE SUMMARY

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17 Creates within the Department of Juvenile Justice the
18 Office of Statewide Juvenile Delinquency Prevention
19 Coordination. Requires the office to develop and update a
20 coordinated multiagency juvenile delinquency prevention
21 policy. Requires state agencies and entities that
22 receive or use state appropriations to fund juvenile
23 delinquency prevention services to target focus areas,
24 specify minimum performance measures, and collect minimum
25 outcome data. Requires the agencies and entities to
26 submit specified information to the Office of Statewide
27 Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Coordination. Requires
28 the office to submit a report and findings and to make
29 recommendations to the Legislature.
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