

By the Fiscal Responsibility Council and Representative  
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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the elimination of the  
3           Juvenile Justice Advisory Board; repealing s.  
4           985.401, F.S., which created the Juvenile  
5           Justice Advisory Board; amending ss. 20.316,  
6           216.136, 985.227, 985.315, 985.317, and  
7           985.404, F.S., to remove references to the  
8           Juvenile Justice Advisory Board; providing an  
9           effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 985.401, Florida Statutes, is  
repealed.

Section 2. Paragraph (d) of subsection (4) of section  
20.316, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

20.316 Department of Juvenile Justice.--There is  
created a Department of Juvenile Justice.

(4) INFORMATION SYSTEMS.--

(d) The management information system shall, at a  
minimum:

1. Facilitate case management of juveniles referred to  
or placed in the department's custody.

2. Provide timely access to current data and computing  
capacity to support ~~the outcome evaluation activities of the~~  
~~Juvenile Justice Advisory Board as provided in s. 985.401,~~  
legislative oversight, the Juvenile Justice Estimating  
Conference, and other research.

3. Provide automated support to the quality assurance  
and program review functions.

1           4. Provide automated support to the contract  
2 management process.

3           5. Provide automated support to the facility  
4 operations management process.

5           6. Provide automated administrative support to  
6 increase efficiency, provide the capability of tracking  
7 expenditures of funds by the department or contracted service  
8 providers that are eligible for federal reimbursement, and  
9 reduce forms and paperwork.

10          7. Facilitate connectivity, access, and utilization of  
11 information among various state agencies, and other state,  
12 federal, local, and private agencies, organizations, and  
13 institutions.

14          8. Provide electronic public access to juvenile  
15 justice information, which is not otherwise made confidential  
16 by law or exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1).

17          9. Provide a system for the training of information  
18 system users and user groups.

19          Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (8) of section  
20 216.136, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

21           216.136 Consensus estimating conferences; duties and  
22 principals.--

23           (8) JUVENILE JUSTICE ESTIMATING CONFERENCE.--

24           (b) Principals.--The Executive Office of the Governor,  
25 the Office of Economic and Demographic Research, and  
26 professional staff who have forecasting expertise from the  
27 Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Children and  
28 Family Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Program  
29 Offices, the Department of Law Enforcement, the Senate  
30 Appropriations Committee staff, the House of Representatives  
31 Appropriations Committee staff, or their designees, are the

1 principals of the Juvenile Justice Estimating Conference. The  
2 responsibility of presiding over sessions of the conference  
3 shall be rotated among the principals. To facilitate policy  
4 and legislative recommendations, the conference may call upon  
5 ~~professional staff of the Juvenile Justice Advisory Board and~~  
6 appropriate legislative staff.

7 Section 4. Subsection (4) of section 985.227, Florida  
8 Statutes, is amended to read:

9 985.227 Prosecution of juveniles as adults by the  
10 direct filing of an information in the criminal division of  
11 the circuit court; discretionary criteria; mandatory  
12 criteria.--

13 (4) DIRECT-FILE POLICIES AND GUIDELINES.--Each state  
14 attorney shall develop written policies and guidelines to  
15 govern determinations for filing an information on a juvenile,  
16 to be submitted to the Executive Office of the Governor, the  
17 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
18 Representatives, ~~and the Juvenile Justice Advisory Board~~ not  
19 later than January 1 of each year.

20 Section 5. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section  
21 985.315, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

22 985.315 Educational/technical and vocational  
23 work-related programs.--

24 (4)

25 (b) Evaluations of juvenile educational/technical and  
26 vocational work-related programs shall be conducted according  
27 to the following guidelines:

28 1. Systematic evaluations and quality assurance  
29 monitoring shall be implemented, in accordance with s. ss.  
30 ~~985.401(4)~~ and 985.412(1), to determine whether the programs  
31 are related to successful postrelease adjustments.

1           2. Operations and policies of the programs shall be  
2 reevaluated to determine if they are consistent with their  
3 primary objectives.

4           Section 6. Subsection (5) of section 985.317, Florida  
5 Statutes, is amended to read:

6           985.317 Literacy programs for juvenile offenders.--

7           (5) EVALUATION AND REPORT.--~~The Juvenile Justice~~  
8 ~~Advisory Board shall evaluate the literacy program outcomes as~~  
9 ~~part of its annual evaluation of program outcomes under s.~~

10 985.401.The department, in consultation with the Department  
11 of Education, shall develop and implement an evaluation of the  
12 literacy program in order to determine the impact of the  
13 programs on recidivism. The department shall submit an annual  
14 report on the implementation and progress of the programs to  
15 the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
16 Representatives by January 1 of each year.

17           Section 7. Subsection (11) of section 985.404, Florida  
18 Statutes, is amended to read:

19           985.404 Administering the juvenile justice  
20 continuum.--

21           (11)(a) The Department of Juvenile Justice, in  
22 consultation with ~~the Juvenile Justice Advisory Board,~~the  
23 Office of Economic and Demographic Research, and contract  
24 service providers, shall develop a cost-effectiveness model  
25 and apply the model to each commitment program. Program  
26 recommitment rates shall be a component of the model. The  
27 cost-effectiveness model shall compare program costs to client  
28 outcomes and program outputs. It is the intent of the  
29 Legislature that continual development efforts take place to  
30 improve the validity and reliability of the cost-effectiveness  
31 model ~~and to integrate the standard methodology developed~~

1 ~~under s. 985.401(4) for interpreting program outcome~~  
2 ~~evaluations.~~

3 (b) The department shall rank commitment programs  
4 based on the cost-effectiveness model and shall submit a  
5 report to the appropriate substantive and fiscal committees of  
6 each house of the Legislature by December 31 of each year.

7 (c) Based on ~~reports of the Juvenile Justice Advisory~~  
8 ~~Board on client outcomes and program outputs and on the~~  
9 department's most recent cost-effectiveness rankings, the  
10 department may terminate a program operated by the department  
11 or a provider if the program has failed to achieve a minimum  
12 threshold of program effectiveness. This paragraph does not  
13 preclude the department from terminating a contract as  
14 provided under s. 985.412 or as otherwise provided by law or  
15 contract, and does not limit the department's authority to  
16 enter into or terminate a contract.

17 (d) In collaboration with ~~the Juvenile Justice~~  
18 ~~Advisory Board~~, the Office of Economic and Demographic  
19 Research, and contract service providers, the department shall  
20 develop a work plan to refine the cost-effectiveness model so  
21 that the model is consistent with the performance-based  
22 program budgeting measures approved by the Legislature to the  
23 extent the department deems appropriate. The department shall  
24 notify the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government  
25 Accountability of any meetings to refine the model.

26 (e) Contingent upon specific appropriation, the  
27 department, in consultation with ~~the Juvenile Justice Advisory~~  
28 ~~Board~~, the Office of Economic and Demographic Research, and  
29 contract service providers, shall:

30 1. Construct a profile of each commitment program that  
31 uses the results of the quality assurance report required by

1 ~~s. 985.412, the outcome evaluation report compiled by the~~  
2 ~~Juvenile Justice Advisory Board under s. 985.401, the~~  
3 cost-effectiveness report required in this subsection, and  
4 other reports available to the department.

5         2. Target, for a more comprehensive evaluation, any  
6 commitment program that has achieved consistently high, low,  
7 or disparate ratings in the reports required under  
8 subparagraph 1.

9         3. Identify the essential factors that contribute to  
10 the high, low, or disparate program ratings.

11         4. Use the results of these evaluations in developing  
12 or refining juvenile justice programs or program models,  
13 client outcomes and program outputs, provider contracts,  
14 quality assurance standards, and the cost-effectiveness model.

15         Section 8. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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18                   HOUSE SUMMARY

19                   Eliminates the Juvenile Justice Advisory Board.  
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