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

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13 Section 1. Section 985.401, Florida Statutes, is
14 repealed.15 Section 2. Paragraph (d) of subsection (4) of section
16 20.316, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:17 20.316 Department of Juvenile Justice.--There is
18 created a Department of Juvenile Justice.

19 (4) INFORMATION SYSTEMS.--

20 (d) The management information system shall, at a
21 minimum:22 1. Facilitate case management of juveniles referred to
23 or placed in the department's custody.24 2. Provide timely access to current data and computing
25 capacity to support ~~the outcome evaluation activities of the~~
26 ~~Juvenile Justice Advisory Board as provided in s. 985.401,~~
27 legislative oversight, the Juvenile Justice Estimating
28 Conference, and other research.29 3. Provide automated support to the quality assurance
30 and program review functions.

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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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