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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the juvenile justice system; amending
 3 s. 985.02, F.S.; requiring gender-specific programming
 4 within the Department of Juvenile Justice for children in
 5 this state; requiring the Office of Program Policy
 6 Analysis and Government Accountability to conduct an
 7 analysis of gender-specific programs in the Department of
 8 Juvenile Justice; providing certain gender-specific
 9 information to be included in the analysis; reenacting s.
 10 985.3045(1) and (3), F.S., relating to prevention service
 11 programs, for the purpose of incorporating the amendment
 12 to s. 985.02, F.S., in references thereto; 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. Subsection (1) of section 985.02, Florida
 18 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (8) is added to said
 19 section, to read:

20 985.02 Legislative intent for the juvenile justice
 21 system.--

22 (1) GENERAL PROTECTIONS FOR CHILDREN.--It is a purpose of
 23 the Legislature that the children of this state be provided with
 24 the following protections:

- 25 (a) Protection from abuse, neglect, and exploitation.
- 26 (b) A permanent and stable home.
- 27 (c) A safe and nurturing environment which will preserve a
- 28 sense of personal dignity and integrity.
- 29 (d) Adequate nutrition, shelter, and clothing.

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30 (e) Effective treatment to address physical, social, and
 31 emotional needs, regardless of geographical location.

32 (f) Equal opportunity and access to quality and effective
 33 education, which will meet the individual needs of each child,
 34 and to recreation and other community resources to develop
 35 individual abilities.

36 (g) Access to preventive services.

37 (h) An independent, trained advocate when intervention is
 38 necessary, and a skilled guardian or caretaker in a safe
 39 environment when alternative placement is necessary.

40 (i) Gender-specific programming and gender-specific
 41 program models and services that comprehensively address the
 42 needs of a targeted gender group.

43 (8) GENDER-SPECIFIC PROGRAMMING.--

44 (a) The Legislature finds that the prevention, treatment,
 45 and rehabilitation needs of youth served by the juvenile justice
 46 system are gender-specific.

47 (b) Gender-specific programming refers to unique program
 48 models and services that comprehensively address the needs of a
 49 targeted gender group. Gender-specific services require the
 50 adherence to the principle of equity to ensure that the
 51 different interests of young women and men are recognized and
 52 varying needs are met, with equality as the desired outcome.
 53 Gender-specific programming focuses on the differences between
 54 young females' and young males' roles and responsibilities,
 55 positions in society, access to and use of resources, and social
 56 codes governing behavior. Gender-specific programs increase the
 57 effectiveness of programs by making interventions more
 58 appropriate to the specific needs of young women and men and

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59 ensuring that these programs do not unknowingly create,
 60 maintain, or reinforce gender roles or relations that may be
 61 damaging.

62 (c) The Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government
 63 Accountability shall conduct an analysis of programs for young
 64 females within the Department of Juvenile Justice. The analysis
 65 shall address the nature of young female offenders in this
 66 state, the percentage of young females who are incarcerated in
 67 the juvenile justice system for status offenses and violations
 68 of probation, and whether these young females could be better
 69 served in less costly community-based programs. In addition, the
 70 review shall analyze whether existing juvenile justice programs
 71 are designed to meet the gender-specific needs of young females
 72 and an analysis of the true cost of providing gender-specific
 73 services to young females.

74 Section 2. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
 75 to section 985.02, Florida Statutes, in references thereto,
 76 subsections (1) and (3) of section 985.3045, Florida Statutes,
 77 are reenacted to read:

78 985.3045 Prevention service program; monitoring; report;
 79 uniform performance measures.--

80 (1) The department's prevention service program shall
 81 monitor all state-funded programs, grants, appropriations, or
 82 activities that are designed to prevent juvenile crime,
 83 delinquency, gang membership, or status offense behaviors and
 84 all state-funded programs, grants, appropriations, or activities
 85 that are designed to prevent a child from becoming a "child in
 86 need of services," as defined in chapter 984, in order to inform
 87 the Governor and the Legislature concerning efforts designed to

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88 further the policy of the state concerning juvenile justice and
89 delinquency prevention, consistent with ss. 984.02 and 985.02.

90 (3) The department shall expend funds related to the
91 prevention of juvenile delinquency in a manner consistent with
92 the policies expressed in ss. 984.02 and 985.02. The department
93 shall expend said funds in a manner that maximizes public
94 accountability and ensures the documentation of outcomes.

95 (a) All entities that receive or use state moneys to fund
96 juvenile delinquency prevention services through contracts or
97 grants with the department shall design the programs providing
98 such services to further one or more of the strategies specified
99 in paragraphs (2)(a)-(d).

100 (b) The department shall develop an outcome measure for
101 each program strategy specified in paragraphs (2)(a)-(d) that
102 logically relates to the risk factor addressed by the strategy.

103 (c) All entities that receive or use state moneys to fund
104 the juvenile delinquency prevention services through contracts
105 or grants with the department shall, as a condition of receipt
106 of state funds, provide the department with personal demographic
107 information concerning all participants in the service
108 sufficient to allow the department to verify criminal or
109 delinquent history information, school attendance or academic
110 information, employment information, or other requested
111 performance information.

112 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.