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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to juvenile services; amending  
3           s. 20.316, F.S.; redesignating the Department  
4           of Juvenile Justice as the "Department of  
5           Juvenile Services"; redesignating the Secretary  
6           of Juvenile Justice as the "Secretary of  
7           Juvenile Services"; amending ss. 216.133 and  
8           216.136, F.S.; redesignating the Juvenile  
9           Justice Estimating Conference as the "Juvenile  
10          Services Estimating Conference"; requesting the  
11          Division of Statutory Revision of the Office of  
12          Legislative Services to prepare a reviser's  
13          bill for introduction at a subsequent session  
14          of the Legislature to conform the Florida  
15          Statutes to the changes made by the act;  
16          providing an effective date.

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18           WHEREAS, in recognition of the importance of the  
19          state's role in providing services for its young people and in  
20          order to signify the importance of providing services that  
21          include assessing and treating young people for drug abuse, as  
22          well as meeting the physical, mental health, and social  
23          services needs of the youth of this state, the Legislature  
24          renames the Department of Juvenile Justice as the "Department  
25          of Juvenile Services," NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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29                   Section 1.   Section 20.316, Florida Statutes, is  
30          amended to read:

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1           20.316 Department of Juvenile Services Justice.--There  
2 is created a Department of Juvenile Services Justice.

3           (1) SECRETARY OF JUVENILE SERVICES JUSTICE.--

4           (a) The head of the Department of Juvenile Services  
5 Justice is the Secretary of Juvenile Services Justice. The  
6 secretary of the department shall be appointed by the Governor  
7 and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

8           (b) The Secretary of Juvenile Services Justice is  
9 responsible for planning, coordinating, and managing the  
10 delivery of all programs and services within the juvenile  
11 services justice continuum. For purposes of this section, the  
12 term "juvenile services justice continuum" means all  
13 children-in-need-of-services programs;  
14 families-in-need-of-services programs; other prevention, early  
15 intervention, and diversion programs; detention centers and  
16 related programs and facilities; community-based residential  
17 commitment and nonresidential programs; and delinquency  
18 institutions provided or funded by the department.

19           (c) The Secretary of Juvenile Services Justice shall:

20           1. Ensure that juvenile services justice continuum  
21 programs and services are implemented according to legislative  
22 intent; state and federal laws, rules, and regulations;  
23 statewide program standards; and performance objectives by  
24 reviewing and monitoring regional and circuit program  
25 operations and providing technical assistance to those  
26 programs.

27           2. Identify the need for and recommend the funding and  
28 implementation of an appropriate mix of programs and services  
29 within the juvenile services justice continuum, including  
30 prevention, diversion, nonresidential and residential  
31 commitment programs, training schools, and conditional release

- 1 programs and services, with an overlay of educational,  
2 vocational, alcohol, drug abuse, and mental health services  
3 where appropriate.
- 4         3. Provide for program research, development, and  
5 planning.
- 6         4. Develop staffing and workload standards and  
7 coordinate staff development and training.
- 8         5. Develop budget and resource allocation  
9 methodologies and strategies.
- 10        6. Establish program policies and rules and ensure  
11 that those policies and rules encourage cooperation,  
12 collaboration, and information sharing with community partners  
13 in the juvenile services ~~justice~~ system to the extent  
14 authorized by law.
- 15        7. Develop funding sources external to state  
16 government.
- 17        8. Obtain, approve, monitor, and coordinate research  
18 and program development grants.
- 19        9. Enter into contracts.
- 20        10. Monitor all state-funded programs, grants,  
21 appropriations, or activities that are designed to prevent  
22 juvenile crime, delinquency, gang membership, or status  
23 offense behaviors and all state-funded programs, grants,  
24 appropriations, or activities that are designed to prevent a  
25 child from becoming a "child in need of services," as defined  
26 in chapter 984, in order to effect the goals and policies of  
27 the State Comprehensive Plan regarding children and regarding  
28 governmental efficiency, and in order to determine:
- 29         a. The number of youth served by such state-funded  
30 programs, grants, appropriations, or activities;  
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1           b. The number of youth who complete such state-funded  
2 programs, grants, appropriations, or activities;

3           c. The number and percentage of youth who are referred  
4 for delinquency while participating in such state-funded  
5 programs, grants, appropriations, or activities;

6           d. The number and percentage of youth who are referred  
7 for delinquency within 6 months after completing such  
8 state-funded programs, grants, appropriations, or activities.

9           (2) DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS.--The following programs are  
10 established within the Department of Juvenile Services

11 ~~Justice~~:

12           (a) Prevention and Victim Services.

13           (b) Intake and Detention.

14           (c) Residential and Correctional Facilities.

15           (d) Probation and Community Corrections.

16           (e) Administration.

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18 The secretary may establish assistant secretary positions and  
19 a chief of staff position as necessary to administer the  
20 requirements of this section.

21           (3) JUVENILE SERVICES ~~JUSTICE~~ OPERATING CIRCUITS.--The  
22 department shall plan and administer its programs through a  
23 substate structure that conforms to the boundaries of the  
24 judicial circuits prescribed in s. 26.021. A county may seek  
25 placement in a juvenile services ~~justice~~ operating circuit  
26 other than as prescribed in s. 26.021 for participation in the  
27 Prevention and Victim Services Program and the Probation and  
28 Community Corrections Program by making a request of the chief  
29 circuit judge in each judicial circuit affected by such  
30 request. Upon a showing that geographic proximity, community  
31 identity, or other legitimate concern for efficiency of

1 operations merits alternative placement, each affected chief  
2 circuit judge may authorize the execution of an interagency  
3 agreement specifying the alternative juvenile services ~~justice~~  
4 operating circuit in which the county is to be placed and the  
5 basis for the alternative placement. Upon the execution of  
6 said interagency agreement by each affected chief circuit  
7 judge, the secretary may administratively place a county in an  
8 alternative juvenile services ~~justice~~ operating circuit  
9 pursuant to the agreement.

10 (4) INFORMATION SYSTEMS.--

11 (a) The Department of Juvenile Services ~~Justice~~ shall  
12 develop, in consultation with the Criminal and Juvenile  
13 Justice Information Systems Council under s. 943.08, a  
14 juvenile services ~~justice~~ information system that ~~which~~ shall  
15 provide information concerning the department's activities and  
16 programs.

17 (b) In establishing the computing and network  
18 infrastructure for the development of the information system,  
19 the department shall develop a system design to set the  
20 direction for the information system. That design shall  
21 include not only department system requirements but also data  
22 exchange requirements of other state and local juvenile  
23 services ~~justice~~ system organizations.

24 (c) The department shall implement a distributed  
25 system architecture which shall be defined in its agency  
26 strategic plan.

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

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

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1           2. Provide timely access to current data and computing  
2 capacity to support outcome evaluation, legislative oversight,  
3 the Juvenile Services ~~Justice~~ Estimating Conference, and other  
4 research.

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

7           4. Provide automated support to the contract  
8 management process.

9           5. Provide automated support to the facility  
10 operations management process.

11           6. Provide automated administrative support to  
12 increase efficiency, provide the capability of tracking  
13 expenditures of funds by the department or contracted service  
14 providers that are eligible for federal reimbursement, and  
15 reduce forms and paperwork.

16           7. Facilitate connectivity, access, and utilization of  
17 information among various state agencies, and other state,  
18 federal, local, and private agencies, organizations, and  
19 institutions.

20           8. Provide electronic public access to juvenile  
21 services ~~justice~~ information, which is not otherwise made  
22 confidential by law or exempt from the provisions of s.  
23 119.07(1).

24           9. Provide a system for the training of information  
25 system users and user groups.

26           (e) The department shall aggregate, on a quarterly and  
27 an annual basis, the program information, demographic, program  
28 utilization rate, and statistical data of the youth served  
29 into a descriptive report and shall disseminate the quarterly  
30 and annual reports to substantive committees of the House of  
31 Representatives and the Senate.

1           (f) The department shall provide an annual report on  
2 the juvenile services ~~justice~~ information system to the  
3 Criminal and Juvenile Justice Information Systems Council. The  
4 council shall review and forward the report, along with its  
5 comments, to the appropriate substantive and appropriations  
6 committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate  
7 delineating the development status of the system and other  
8 information necessary for funding policy formulation.

9           (g) The department shall include in its annual budget  
10 request a comprehensive summary of costs involved in the  
11 establishment of the information system and cost savings  
12 associated with its implementation. The budget request must  
13 also include a complete inventory of staff, equipment, and  
14 facility resources for development and maintenance of the  
15 system.

16           Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 216.133, Florida  
17 Statutes, is amended to read:

18           216.133 Definitions; ss. 216.133-216.137.--As used in  
19 ss. 216.133-216.137:

20           (1) "Consensus estimating conference" includes the  
21 Economic Estimating Conference, the Demographic Estimating  
22 Conference, the Revenue Estimating Conference, the Education  
23 Estimating Conference, the Criminal Justice Estimating  
24 Conference, the Juvenile Services ~~Justice~~ Estimating  
25 Conference, the Child Welfare System Estimating Conference,  
26 the Occupational Forecasting Conference, the School Readiness  
27 Program Estimating Conference, the Self-Insurance Estimating  
28 Conference, the Florida Retirement System Actuarial Assumption  
29 Conference, and the Social Services Estimating Conference.

30           Section 3. Subsection (8) of section 216.136, Florida  
31 Statutes, is amended to read:

1           216.136 Consensus estimating conferences; duties and  
2 principals.--

3           (8) JUVENILE SERVICES ~~JUSTICE~~ ESTIMATING CONFERENCE.--

4           (a) Duties.--The Juvenile Services ~~Justice~~ Estimating  
5 Conference shall develop such official information relating to  
6 the juvenile services ~~justice~~ system of the state as is  
7 determined by the conference principals to be needed for the  
8 state planning and budgeting system. This information shall  
9 include, but is not limited to: estimates of juvenile  
10 delinquency caseloads and workloads; estimates for secure,  
11 nonsecure, and home juvenile detention placements; estimates  
12 of workloads in the juvenile sections in the offices of the  
13 state attorneys and public defenders; estimates of mental  
14 health and substance abuse treatment relating to juveniles;  
15 and such other information as is determined by the conference  
16 principals to be needed for the state planning and budgeting  
17 system.

18           (b) Principals.--The Executive Office of the Governor,  
19 the Office of Economic and Demographic Research, and  
20 professional staff who have forecasting expertise from the  
21 Department of Juvenile Services ~~Justice~~, the Department of  
22 Children and Family Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health  
23 Program Offices, the Department of Law Enforcement, the Senate  
24 Appropriations Committee staff, the House of Representatives  
25 Appropriations Committee staff, or their designees, are the  
26 principals of the Juvenile Services ~~Justice~~ Estimating  
27 Conference. The responsibility of presiding over sessions of  
28 the conference shall be rotated among the principals. To  
29 facilitate policy and legislative recommendations, the  
30 conference may call upon the appropriate legislative staff.

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