

Amendment No. (for drafter's use only)

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Attkisson offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Between lines 37 and 38, insert:

5 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 985.02, Florida
6 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (8) is added to said
7 section, to read:

8 985.02 Legislative intent for the juvenile justice
9 system.--

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

13 (a) Protection from abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

14 (b) A permanent and stable home.

15 (c) A safe and nurturing environment which will preserve a
16 sense of personal dignity and integrity.

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17 (d) Adequate nutrition, shelter, and clothing.

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

20 (f) Equal opportunity and access to quality and effective
21 education, which will meet the individual needs of each child,
22 and to recreation and other community resources to develop
23 individual abilities.

24 (g) Access to preventive services.

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

28 (i) Gender-specific programming and gender-specific
29 program models and services that comprehensively address the
30 needs of a targeted gender group.

31 (8) GENDER-SPECIFIC PROGRAMMING.--

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

35 (b) Gender-specific programming refers to unique program
36 models and services that comprehensively address the needs of a
37 targeted gender group. Gender-specific services require the
38 adherence to the principle of equity to ensure that the
39 different interests of young women and men are recognized and
40 varying needs are met, with equality as the desired outcome.
41 Gender-specific programming focuses on the differences between
42 young females' and young males' roles and responsibilities,
43 positions in society, access to and use of resources, and social
44 codes governing behavior. Gender-specific programs increase the

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45 effectiveness of programs by making interventions more
46 appropriate to the specific needs of young women and men and
47 ensuring that these programs do not unknowingly create,
48 maintain, or reinforce gender roles or relations that may be
49 damaging.

50 (c) The Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government
51 Accountability shall conduct an analysis of programs for young
52 females within the Department of Juvenile Justice. The analysis
53 shall address the nature of young female offenders in this
54 state, the percentage of young females who are incarcerated in
55 the juvenile justice system for status offenses and violations
56 of probation, and whether these young females could be better
57 served in less costly community-based programs. In addition, the
58 review shall analyze whether existing juvenile justice programs
59 are designed to meet the gender-specific needs of young females
60 and an analysis of the true cost of providing gender-specific
61 services to young females.

62 Section 2. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
63 to section 985.02, Florida Statutes, in references thereto,
64 subsections (1) and (3) of section 985.3045, Florida Statutes,
65 are reenacted to read:

66 985.3045 Prevention service program; monitoring; report;
67 uniform performance measures.--

68 (1) The department's prevention service program shall
69 monitor all state-funded programs, grants, appropriations, or
70 activities that are designed to prevent juvenile crime,
71 delinquency, gang membership, or status offense behaviors and
72 all state-funded programs, grants, appropriations, or activities

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73 that are designed to prevent a child from becoming a "child in
74 need of services," as defined in chapter 984, in order to inform
75 the Governor and the Legislature concerning efforts designed to
76 further the policy of the state concerning juvenile justice and
77 delinquency prevention, consistent with ss. 984.02 and 985.02.

78 (3) The department shall expend funds related to the
79 prevention of juvenile delinquency in a manner consistent with
80 the policies expressed in ss. 984.02 and 985.02. The department
81 shall expend said funds in a manner that maximizes public
82 accountability and ensures the documentation of outcomes.

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

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

91 (c) All entities that receive or use state moneys to fund
92 the juvenile delinquency prevention services through contracts
93 or grants with the department shall, as a condition of receipt
94 of state funds, provide the department with personal demographic
95 information concerning all participants in the service
96 sufficient to allow the department to verify criminal or
97 delinquent history information, school attendance or academic
98 information, employment information, or other requested
99 performance information.

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102 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====
103 Remove line 1 and insert:
104 An act relating to juvenile justice; amending s. 985.02, F.S.;
105 requiring gender-specific programming within the Department of
106 Juvenile Justice for children in this state; requiring the
107 Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability
108 to conduct an analysis of gender-specific programs in the
109 Department of Juvenile Justice; providing certain gender-
110 specific information to be included in the analysis; reenacting
111 s. 985.3045(1) and (3), F.S., relating to prevention service
112 programs, for the purpose of incorporating the amendment to s.
113 985.02, F.S., in references thereto; amending s.