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Senator Bennett moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 2, line 14,

insert:

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

985.02 Legislative intent for the juvenile justice system.--

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

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

(b) A permanent and stable home.

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

(d) Adequate nutrition, shelter, and clothing.

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

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1 (f) Equal opportunity and access to quality and
2 effective education, which will meet the individual needs of
3 each child, and to recreation and other community resources to
4 develop individual abilities.

5 (g) Access to preventive services.

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

9 (i) Gender-specific programming and gender-specific
10 program models and services that comprehensively address the
11 needs of a targeted gender group.

12 (8) GENDER-SPECIFIC PROGRAMMING.--

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

16 (b) Gender-specific programming refers to unique
17 program models and services that comprehensively address the
18 needs of a targeted gender group. Gender-specific services
19 require the adherence to the principle of equity to ensure
20 that the different interests of young women and men are
21 recognized and varying needs are met, with equality as the
22 desired outcome. Gender-specific programming focuses on the
23 differences between young females' and young males' roles and
24 responsibilities, positions in society, access to and use of
25 resources, and social codes governing behavior.

26 Gender-specific programs increase the effectiveness of
27 programs by making interventions more appropriate to the
28 specific needs of young women and men and ensuring that these
29 programs do not unknowingly create, maintain, or reinforce
30 gender roles or relations that may be damaging.

31 (c) The Office of Program Policy Analysis and

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1 Government Accountability shall conduct an analysis of
2 programs for young females within the Department of Juvenile
3 Justice. The analysis shall address the nature of young female
4 offenders in this state, the percentage of young females who
5 are incarcerated in the juvenile justice system for status
6 offenses and violations of probation, and whether these young
7 females could be better served in less costly community-based
8 programs. In addition, the review shall analyze whether
9 existing juvenile justice programs are designed to meet the
10 gender-specific needs of young females and an analysis of the
11 true cost of providing gender-specific services to young
12 females.

13 Section 2. For the purpose of incorporating the
14 amendment to section 985.02, Florida Statutes, in references
15 thereto, subsections (1) and (3) of section 985.3045, Florida
16 Statutes, are reenacted to read:

17 985.3045 Prevention service program; monitoring;
18 report; uniform performance measures.--

19 (1) The department's prevention service program shall
20 monitor all state-funded programs, grants, appropriations, or
21 activities that are designed to prevent juvenile crime,
22 delinquency, gang membership, or status offense behaviors and
23 all state-funded programs, grants, appropriations, or
24 activities that are designed to prevent a child from becoming
25 a "child in need of services," as defined in chapter 984, in
26 order to inform the Governor and the Legislature concerning
27 efforts designed to further the policy of the state concerning
28 juvenile justice and delinquency prevention, consistent with
29 ss. 984.02 and 985.02.

30 (3) The department shall expend funds related to the
31 prevention of juvenile delinquency in a manner consistent with

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1 the policies expressed in ss. 984.02 and 985.02. The
2 department shall expend said funds in a manner that maximizes
3 public accountability and ensures the documentation of
4 outcomes.

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

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

14 (c) All entities that receive or use state moneys to
15 fund the juvenile delinquency prevention services through
16 contracts or grants with the department shall, as a condition
17 of receipt of state funds, provide the department with
18 personal demographic information concerning all participants
19 in the service sufficient to allow the department to verify
20 criminal or delinquent history information, school attendance
21 or academic information, employment information, or other
22 requested performance information.

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26 And the title is amended as follows:

27 On page 1, line 2, after the semicolon,

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29 insert:

30 amending s. 985.02, F.S.; requiring

31 gender-specific programming within the

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1 Department of Juvenile Justice for children in
2 this state; requiring the Office of Program
3 Policy Analysis and Government Accountability
4 to conduct an analysis of gender-specific
5 programs in the Department of Juvenile Justice;
6 providing certain gender-specific information
7 to be included in the analysis; reenacting s.
8 985.3045(1) and (3), F.S., relating to
9 prevention service programs, for the purpose of
10 incorporating the amendment to s. 985.02, F.S.,
11 in references thereto;

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