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A bill to be entitled
 An act relating to juvenile services; amending
 s. 20.316, F.S.; redesignating the Department
 of Juvenile Justice as the "Department of
 Juvenile Services"; redesignating the Secretary
 of Juvenile Justice as the "Secretary of
 Juvenile Services"; amending ss. 216.133 and
 216.136, F.S.; redesignating the Juvenile
 Justice Estimating Conference as the "Juvenile
 Services Estimating Conference"; requesting the
 Division of Statutory Revision of the Office of
 Legislative Services to prepare a reviser's
 bill for introduction at a subsequent session
 of the Legislature to conform the Florida
 Statutes to the changes made by the act;
 providing an effective date.

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

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

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

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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1 Section 4. The Division of Statutory Revision of the
2 Office of Legislative Services is requested to prepare a
3 reviser's bill for introduction at a subsequent session of the
4 Legislature to conform the Florida Statutes to the changes
5 made by this act.

6 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

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9 SENATE SUMMARY

10 Renames the Department of Juvenile Justice as the
11 "Department of Juvenile Services" and the Secretary of
12 Juvenile Justice as the "Secretary of Juvenile Services."
13 Renames the Juvenile Justice Estimating Conference as the
14 "Juvenile Services Estimating Conference." Requests the
15 Division of Statutory Revision to prepare a reviser's
16 bill to conform the Florida Statutes to the changes made
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