

**The Florida Senate**  
**BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Criminal Justice Committee

BILL: SB 2122

INTRODUCER: Senator Dean

SUBJECT: Juvenile Justice/School Notification

DATE: March 30, 2009      REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Dugger	Cannon	CJ	<b>Favorable</b>
2.			ED	
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**I. Summary:**

SB 2122 adds the director of transportation to the list of entities required to be notified by the school superintendent when a youth is arrested and formally charged with an alleged felony or violent crime. In addition, the principal is required to immediately notify the youth's assigned bus driver, and any other school personnel whose duties include directly supervising the youth.

This bill amends section 985.04 of the Florida Statutes.

**II. Present Situation:**

Section 985.04(4), F.S., requires a law enforcement officer taking a youth into custody for committing an alleged felony offense or a violent crime to notify the youth's school superintendent. Similarly, when a youth is formally charged by the state attorney, that office must notify the school superintendent of the youth's alleged criminal charges. The school superintendent must, within 48 hours, notify the appropriate school personnel, including the youth's principal, who in turn, is required to immediately notify the youth's immediate classroom teachers.

**III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

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**IV. Constitutional Issues:**

## A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

## B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

## C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

**V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**

## A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

## B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

## C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Additional Information:**

## A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

## B. Amendments:

None.