

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.)

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BILL: SB 1006

INTRODUCER: Senator Jones

SUBJECT: The Department of Juvenile Justice/Reports & Functions

DATE: February 22, 2010 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Dugger	Cannon	CJ	Favorable
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I. Summary:

Senate Bill 1006 deletes a requirement that the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) submit several duplicative annual reports to the Governor, the Legislature, and to other enumerated entities. It also repeals an outdated statute relating to inspectors within the Inspector General’s Office being sworn law enforcement officers.

This bill amends sections 985.47 and 985.483 of the Florida Statutes. It also repeals sections 985.625(5) and 985.636 of the Florida Statutes.

II. Present Situation:

Section 985.47, F.S., relating to serious or habitual juvenile offenders, requires the DJJ to submit an annual report on the performance of assessment and treatment services for serious or habitual juvenile offenders. Likewise, s. 985.483, F.S., relating to intensive residential treatment programs for these offenders younger than 13, requires a similar annual report to be filed. Reports are submitted annually to the Governor, the Legislature, the Attorney General, the Auditor General, and in the case of the youngest offenders, to the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability. The information in these reports is also contained in the DJJ’s annual Comprehensive Accountability Report.

Section 985.625(5), F.S., relating to literacy programs for juvenile offenders, also requires the DJJ to submit to the Legislature an annual report, in consultation with the Department of Education, on the progress of literacy programs within each residential commitment program. This information is also available in the Quality Assurance Report that is compiled by the Juvenile Justice Education Enhancement Program (JJEPP).

Section 985.636, F.S., relating to the Inspector General's Office, authorizes the Secretary of Juvenile Justice to designate as law enforcement officers within the Inspector General's Office, persons holding a law enforcement certification. This designation is for the purpose of enforcing any criminal law and conducting any investigation involving a state-operated program that falls under the department's jurisdiction. However, according to the DJJ, this law is outdated because the department does not have sworn law enforcement officers.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Senate Bill 1006 deletes the requirement for the DJJ to submit the following annual reports: the Serious Habitual Offender Program Report required by s. 985.47(8)(a), F.S.; the Intensive Residential Treatment Report for offenders younger than 13 required by s. 985.483(8)(a), F.S.; and the annual Literacy Program Report required by s. 985.625(5), F.S. (The information in the first two reports will be found in the DJJ's Comprehensive Accountability Report. The last report's information will be available in the JJEP's Quality Assurance Report.)

The bill also repeals an outdated statute, s. 985.636, F.S., which allows inspectors within the DJJ's Inspector General's Office to be certified law enforcement officers if the Secretary deems it necessary. (According to the DJJ, the department does not have sworn law enforcement officers.)

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.

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