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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to juvenile justice circuit advisory
3 boards; amending s. 985.664, F.S.; revising the
4 juvenile justice circuit advisory boards; providing
5 that a juvenile justice circuit advisory board be
6 established in each of the 20 judicial circuits;
7 providing that the purpose of each juvenile justice
8 circuit advisory board is to render advice and
9 direction to the Department of Juvenile Justice when
10 developing and implementing juvenile justice programs;
11 requiring each advisory board to work collaboratively
12 with the department in seeking program improvements
13 for juveniles in this state; requiring each advisory
14 board to develop a comprehensive plan for the circuit
15 by a specified date to facilitate interagency
16 cooperation and to prepare recommendations for public
17 and private grants; requiring an advisory board to
18 prepare an annual report; providing for membership on
19 the board; requiring the secretary of the department
20 to appoint a chair for the board; requiring the chair
21 to appoint the remaining members to the advisory board
22 and to submit the appointments within a specified
23 period of time to the department for approval;
24 providing quorum; requiring the advisory board to
25 establish an executive committee; requiring each
26 advisory board to develop bylaws; requiring each
27 member of the board to comply with the Code of Ethics
28 for Public Officers and Employees; providing an
29 effective date.

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

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33 Section 1. Section 985.664, Florida Statutes, is amended to
34 read:

35 (Substantial rewording of section. See

36 s. 985.664, F.S., for present text.)

37 985.664 Juvenile justice circuit advisory boards.—

38 (1) (a) A juvenile justice circuit advisory board shall be
39 established in each of the 20 judicial circuits. Except for
40 those single-county circuits, each circuit advisory board shall
41 have a county organization representing each county in the
42 circuit. The county organizations shall report directly to the
43 circuit advisory boards on the juvenile justice needs of the
44 county.

45 (b) The purpose of each juvenile justice circuit advisory
46 board is to provide advice and direction to the department to
47 develop and implement juvenile justice programs and to work
48 collaboratively with the department in seeking program
49 improvements and policy changes to address the emerging and
50 changing needs of this state's youth who are at risk of
51 delinquency.

52 (2) Each juvenile justice circuit advisory board shall:

53 (a) Develop a comprehensive plan for the circuit. The
54 initial circuit plan shall be submitted to the department by
55 December 31, 2014, and by June 30 every 3 years thereafter. The
56 department shall prescribe the format and content requirements
57 for the comprehensive circuit plan.

58 (b) Participate in facilitating interagency cooperation and

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59 information sharing.

60 (c) Provide recommendations for public or private grants to
61 be administered by one of the community partners that support
62 one or more components of the comprehensive circuit plan.

63 (d) Prepare an annual report to the department describing
64 the activities of the board, including the activities of the
65 counties within the geographic boundaries of the circuit. The
66 annual report shall be submitted to the department by August 1
67 of each year. The department shall prescribe the format and
68 content requirements for the annual report.

69 (3) Each juvenile justice circuit advisory board must have
70 at least 16 members. In appointing members to the board, the
71 membership must reflect:

72 (a) The circuit's population distribution and geography.

73 (b) The diversity in the judicial circuit.

74 (4) Each juvenile justice circuit advisory board must
75 include as a member the following individuals or his or her
76 designee:

77 (a) The state attorney.

78 (b) The public defender.

79 (c) The chief judge.

80 (d) A representative of the corresponding circuit or
81 regional entity of the Department of Children and Families.

82 (e) The sheriff from each county in the circuit.

83 (f) A police chief from each county in the circuit.

84 (g) A county commissioner from each county in the circuit.

85 (h) The superintendent of each school district in the
86 circuit.

87 (i) A representative from the workforce organization of

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88 each county in the circuit.

89 (j) A representative of the business community.

90 (k) A youth representative who has experience with the
91 juvenile justice system and is younger than 21 years of age.

92 (l) A representative of the faith community.

93 (m) A health services representative who specializes in
94 mental health or victim-service programs.

95 (n) A parent or family member of a youth who has been
96 involved with the juvenile justice system.

97 (o) Up to five members of any of the following groups who
98 are not otherwise represented:

99 1. Community leaders.

100 2. Representatives of a youth-serving coalition.

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102 Except for individuals listed in paragraphs (a)-(h), the
103 appointment of each member to the juvenile justice circuit
104 advisory board must be approved by the secretary of the
105 department.

106 (5) The secretary of the department, in consultation with
107 the juvenile justice circuit advisory board, shall appoint the
108 chair of the board. Thereafter, the chair shall appoint members
109 to the board and submit the appointments to the department for
110 approval within 45 days after each appointment.

111 (6) A member may not serve more than two consecutive 2-year
112 terms, except those members listed in paragraphs (3) (a)-(h). A
113 former member who has not served on the juvenile justice circuit
114 advisory board for 2 years is eligible to serve another term.

115 (7) Half of the membership of the juvenile justice circuit
116 advisory board constitutes a quorum.

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117 (8) Each juvenile justice circuit advisory board shall
118 establish an executive committee of up to 10 members. The duties
119 and authority of the executive committee must be enacted in the
120 bylaws.

121 (9) (a) Each juvenile justice circuit advisory board shall
122 create bylaws. The department shall prescribe the format and
123 content requirements for the bylaws. All bylaws must be approved
124 by the department.

125 (b) The bylaws must address, at a minimum, the following
126 issues:

- 127 1. Election or appointment of officers.
- 128 2. Filling of vacant positions.
- 129 3. Meeting attendance requirements.
- 130 4. The establishment and duties of an executive committee.

131 (10) Members of a juvenile justice circuit advisory board
132 are subject to the provisions of part III of chapter 112.

133 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2013.