



LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Fiscal Policy (Martin) recommended the following:

1 **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

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3 Delete lines 390 - 421

4 and insert:

5 secure detention. The term includes all certified supervisory
6 personnel whose duties include, in whole or in part, the
7 supervision, training, and guidance of juvenile detention
8 officers, but does not include support personnel employed by the
9 employing agency.

10 (24) "Juvenile probation officer" means an authorized agent



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11 of the Department of Juvenile Justice who performs the intake,
12 case management, or supervision functions. The term includes all
13 certified supervisory personnel whose duties include, in whole
14 or in part, the supervision, training, and guidance of juvenile
15 probation officers, but does not include support personnel
16 employed by the employing agency.

17 Section 7. Subsection (15) of section 984.03, Florida
18 Statutes, is amended to read:

19 984.03 Definitions.—When used in this chapter, the term:

20 (15) “Family in need of services” means a family that has a
21 child who is running away; who is ungovernable and persistently
22 disobeying reasonable and lawful demands of the parent, or legal
23 guardian, or custodian and is beyond the control of the parent, or
24 or legal guardian, or custodian; or who is a habitual truant or
25 engaging in other serious behaviors that place the child at risk
26 of future abuse, neglect, or abandonment or at risk of entering
27 the juvenile justice system. The child must be referred to a law
28 enforcement agency, the department, or an agency contracted to
29 provide services to children in need of services. A family is
30 not eligible to receive voluntary family services if, at the
31 time of the referral, the child is currently under court-ordered
32 supervision by the department for delinquency under chapter 985
33 or under court-ordered supervision by the Department of Children
34 and Families under chapter 39.

35 Section 8. Subsection (2) of section 984.09, Florida
36 Statutes, is amended to read:

37 984.09 Punishment for contempt of court; alternative
38 sanctions.—

39 (2) PLACEMENT IN A SHELTER.—A child subject to proceedings



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40 ~~under this chapter adjudicated as a child in need of services~~
41 may only be placed in a shelter for purposes of punishment for
42 contempt of court if alternative sanctions are unavailable or
43 inappropriate, or if the child has already been ordered to serve
44 an alternative sanction but failed to comply with the sanction.

45 Section 9. Section 985.6865, Florida Statutes, is amended
46 to read:

47 985.6865 Juvenile detention costs.—

48 (1) As used in this section, the term:

49 (a) "Detention care" means secure detention and respite
50 beds for juveniles charged with a domestic violence crime.

51 (b) "Fiscally constrained county" means a county within a
52 rural area of opportunity as designated by the Governor pursuant
53 to s. 288.0656 or each county for which the value of a mill will
54 raise no more than \$5 million in revenue, based on the certified
55 school taxable value certified pursuant to s. 1011.62(4)(a)1.a.,
56 from the previous July 1.

57 (c) "Total shared detention costs" means the amount of
58 funds expended by the department for the costs of detention care
59 for the prior fiscal year. This amount includes the most recent
60 actual certify forward amounts minus any funds it expends on
61 detention care for juveniles residing in fiscally constrained
62 counties or out of state.

63 (2) Annually by July 15, the department shall calculate and
64 provide to each county that is not a fiscally constrained county
65 and that does not provide its own detention care for juveniles
66 its annual percentage share by dividing the total number of
67 detention days for juveniles residing in the county for the most
68 recently completed 12-month period by the total number of



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69 detention days for juveniles in all counties that are not
70 fiscally constrained counties during the same period. The annual
71 percentage share of each county that is not a fiscally
72 constrained county and that does not provide its own detention
73 care for juveniles must be multiplied by 50 percent of the total
74 shared detention costs to determine that county's share of
75 detention costs. Beginning August 1, each such county shall pay
76 to the department its share of detention costs, which shall be
77 paid in 12 equal payments due on the first day of each month.
78 The state shall pay the remaining actual costs of detention
79 care.

80 (3) Each quarter, the department shall review county
81 juvenile detention payments to ensure that counties fulfill
82 their financial responsibilities required under this section. If
83 the department determines that a county has not met its
84 obligations, the department must direct the Department of
85 Revenue to deduct the amount owed to the department from the
86 funds provided to the county under s. 218.23. The Department of
87 Revenue shall transfer the funds withheld into the Shared
88 County/State Juvenile Detention Trust Fund.

89 (4) As an assurance to holders of bonds issued by counties
90 before July 1 of each year, for which distributions made
91 pursuant to s. 218.23 are pledged, or bonds issued to refund
92 such bonds which mature no later than the bonds they refunded
93 and which result in a reduction of debt service payable in each
94 fiscal year, the amount available for distribution to a county
95 shall remain as provided by law and continue to be subject to
96 any lien or claim on behalf of the bondholders. The Department
97 of Revenue must ensure, based on information provided by an



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98 affected county, that any reduction in amounts distributed
99 pursuant to subsection (3) does not reduce the amount of
100 distribution to a county below the amount necessary for the
101 timely payment of principal and interest when due on the bonds
102 and the amount necessary to comply with any covenant under the
103 bond resolution or other documents relating to the issuance of
104 the bonds. If a reduction to a county's monthly distribution
105 must be decreased in order to comply with this section, the
106 Department of Revenue must notify the department of the amount
107 of the decrease, and the department must send a bill for payment
108 of such amount to the affected county.

109 (5) The state shall pay all costs of detention care for
110 juveniles residing in a fiscally constrained county and for
111 juveniles residing out of state. The state shall pay all costs
112 of detention care for juveniles housed in state detention
113 centers from counties that provide their own detention care for
114 juveniles.

115 (6)-(4) Each county that is not a fiscally constrained
116 county and that does not provide its own detention care for
117 juveniles shall incorporate into its annual county budget
118 sufficient funds to pay its annual percentage share of the total
119 shared detention costs required by subsection (2).

120 (7)-(5) Funds paid by the counties to the department
121 pursuant to this section must be deposited into the Shared
122 County/State Juvenile Detention Trust Fund.

123 (6) The department shall determine each quarter whether the
124 counties are remitting funds as required by this section.

125 (8)-(7) Funds received from counties pursuant to this
126 section are not subject to the service charges provided in s.



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127 215.20.
128 (9)-(8) The department may adopt rules to administer this
129 section.

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131 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

132 And the title is amended as follows:

133 Between lines 24 and 25

134 insert:

135 amending s. 985.6865, F.S.; requiring the Department
136 of Juvenile Justice to direct the Department of
137 Revenue to deduct specified amounts owed to the
138 Department of Juvenile Justice upon a certain
139 determination; requiring the Department of Revenue to
140 transfer such funds into a certain trust fund;
141 specifying requirements relating to such reductions in
142 amounts distributed to counties;