



## Things To Know.....

### Prisoners In 2014

The number of prisoners held by state and federal correctional authorities on December 31, 2014 (1,561,500) decreased by 15,400 (down 1%) from yearend 2013. The federal prison population decreased by 5,300 inmates (down 2.5%) from 2013 to 2014, the second consecutive year of decline. On December 31, 2014, state and federal correctional authorities held 1,508,600 individuals sentenced to more than one year in prison, 11,800 fewer inmates than at yearend 2013. Florida had 102,870 inmates in state prisons at the end of 2014. This was a 0.2% decrease from the end of 2013.

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice

Senator Thompson believes that early investment in young people prevents increased prison populations. Senator Thompson will focus on criminal justice reform to divert non-violent offenders from prison to treatment, job training and re-entry into the community.

## Senator Thompson In Action



On September 3, 2015 Senator Thompson made a Site Visit to Aspire Charter Academy in Orlando to meet with staff and take questions from children on civic involvement.

Senator Geraldine Thompson and the National Foundation for Women Legislators (NFWL) were pleased to award Elena De Marco with a \$3,000 college scholarship at the 2015 NFWL Annual Conference in Oklahoma City, OK. Ms. De Marco was selected as one of six national winners of the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Bill of Rights Essay Scholarship Contest, presented by the National Rifle Association (NRA), a sponsoring partner to NFWL.



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