THE FLORIDA SENATE 2011 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED Committee on Budget

SB 2112 — Juvenile Detention Facilities

by Budget Committee

This bill amends ss. 985.686 and 985.688, F.S., allowing counties to operate their own detention facility if they cover the financial cost of detention care for pre-adjudicated juveniles and providing that a county is exempt from the provisions of these sections of Florida Statutes if they are in compliance with specific provisions. They consist of the following:

- Counties must fund the entire cost for pre-adjudication detention for juveniles.
- Counties must authorize the county sheriff, any other county jail operator, or contract provider that is located inside or outside of the county to operate the facility.
- County sheriffs or other county jail operators must be accredited by the Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission or the American Correctional Association.
- Detention facilities must be inspected annually and meet the Florida Model Jail Standards.
- Counties or county sheriffs may form regional detention facilities through interlocal agreements in order to meet the requirements of this section.
- County sheriffs or other county jail operators must follow the federal regulations requiring sight and sound separation of juvenile inmates from adult inmates.
- If counties or county sheriffs comply with the provisions of this new subsection, they will not be subject to any additional training, procedures, or inspections required in ch. 985, F.S.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2011.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 83-35

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