The Florida Senate

COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL AND CIVIL JUSTICE

Senator Garcia, Chair Senator Martin, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, October 15, 2025

TIME: 11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

PLACE: Mallory Horne Committee Room, 37 Senate Building

MEMBERS: Senator Garcia, Chair; Senator Martin, Vice Chair; Senators Osgood, Polsky, Simon, Smith, Wright,

and Yarborough

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SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS COMMITTEE ACTION

1 Presentation on Agencies' Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Legislative Budget Requests:

Department of Corrections

Department of Legal Affairs/Attorney General

State Courts

2 Continuation of Items Not Presented at the October 8th, 2025 Meeting, If Necessary:

Presentation on Agencies' Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Legislative Budget Requests:

Justice Administration:

Justice Administrative Commission

State Attorneys

Public Defenders

Regional Conflict Counsels

Capital Collateral Regional Counsels

Statewide Guardian Ad Litem

Department of Juvenile Justice

Department of Law Enforcement

Commission on Offender Review

Other Related Meeting Documents



FISCAL YEAR 2026 - 2027 LEGISLATIVE BUDGET REQUEST

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
ON CRIMINAL & CIVIL JUSTICE
OCTOBER 15, 2025
PRESENTED BY RICKY DIXON, SECRETARY

OVERVIEW

- Operates the third-largest state prison system in the country
- Employs 23,438 staff, incarcerates over 89,000 inmates, and supervises more than 144,000 offenders in the community
- Manages 49 major state-run prisons, and 7 contractor-operated facilities
- Admits 27,000 inmates to prison annually
- Manages 22 million square feet of buildings



FY 26-27 OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES

Issue	Request
Operational Funding Needs	\$ 155,874,667
Critical Security Equipment	\$ 22,615,521
Inflationary Adjustment for Operations	\$ 11,602,756
Replacement of Motor Vehicles	\$ 10,000,712



TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE

Issue	Request
Offender Based Information System (OBIS) Modernization	\$48,472,365
Technology Restoration Plan (TRP) Applications (Operations & Maintenance)	\$10,214,612
Technology Refresh Plan	\$ 9,040,950
Teacher Classroom Connectivity	\$ 6,713,926
Cybersecurity - General Revenue	\$ 3,566,000
Technology Restoration Services (FCOR)	\$ 2,166,300
I.T. Services Provided to FCOR (Wi-Fi)	\$ 69,300



CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS & PILOT EXPANSION NEEDS

Issue	Request
Contracted Inmate Health Services	\$60,166,294
Drug Cost - Price Level Increase	\$45,372,640
Food Service Contract - Price Level Increase	\$13,834,636
Food Service Contract - Population Increase	\$12,809,065
Search & Analytics Technology	\$ 5,500,000
Maintenance Staffing - (Expand Pilot)	\$ 5,000,000
Entry and Exit Staffing - (Expand Pilot)	\$ 3,000,000
Medical Escort Transport Staffing - (Pilot)	\$ 2,000,000



OPERATIONAL READINESS

Issue	Request
Institutions Standard Repair and Maintenance Operations	\$7,500,000
Increase in Contractor-Operated Correctional Facilities Inmate Welfare Trust Fund Authority	\$3,500,000
Security Operations Radios and Towers (Year 2 of 2)	\$3,257,359
Florida Planning, Accounting, and Ledger Management (PALM)	\$1,730,254
Train to Retain	\$1,041,893
Statewide Recruitment Initiatives	\$ 500,000



FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY

Issue	Request
New Correctional Housing Units	\$56,400,000
Correctional Environmental Deficiencies	\$ 7,034,156
Major Repairs & Renovations	\$ 2,500,000
Americans with Disabilities Act compliance	\$ 1,000,000



TOTAL BUDGET REQUEST ABOVE RECURRING BASE FUNDING

OPERATING: \$ 445,549,250

FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY: \$ 66,934,156

TOTAL REQUEST: \$ 512,483,406



RETURN ON INVESTMENT







INCREASED RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION SUPPORT



REDUCED OVERTIME AND BURNOUT



IMPROVED LONG-TERM FISCAL MANAGEMENT





WE NEVER WALK ALONE

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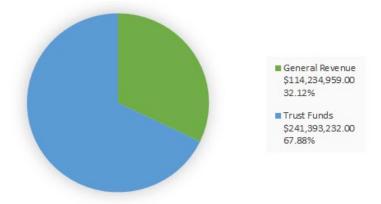
Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Legislative Budget Request

Libby Guzzo

Director of Legislative Affairs

October 2025

Office of the Attorney General 2025-26 Approved



FY 2025-26 Appropriations by

Program Area	FTE Gei	neral Revenue 1	Trust Funds	Total
Office of the Attorney General	1,119	\$87.9 m	\$238.0 m	\$325.9 m
Statewide Prosecution	140.5	\$26.4 m	\$1.2 m	\$27.6 m
Florida Elections Commission	16	\$0	\$2.1 m	\$2.1 m
Total	1,275.5	\$114.3 m	\$241.3 m	\$355.6 m



2026-27 Legislative Budget Request

					General				
Priority	Agency Request	FTE	Rate		Revenue	Tr	ust Funds	ŀ	ssue Total
1	Consumer Protection Pay Adjustment		164,840			\$	200,577	\$	200,577
2	Citizen Services Pay Adjustment		79,093	\$	75,902	\$	20,339	\$	96,241
3	Civil Legal Services - Ethics - Workload		57,278			\$	95,816	\$	95,816
4	Victim Services Reclassification		13,421			\$	16,331	\$	16,331
5	Victim Services Reclassification for Retention		16,881	\$	10,501	\$	9,744	\$	20,245
6	Medicaid Fraud Control Unit - Vehicle Replacement			\$	250,000	\$	750,000	\$	1,000,000
7	Increased Operating Costs			\$	678,193	\$	345,336	\$	1,023,529
8	Office of the Attorney General Recurring Information			Ś	3,840,400			Ś	3,840,400
	Technology Costs			Ş	3,040,400			Ş	3,040,400
9	Data Protection and Disaster Recovery Recurring Costs			\$	210,000			\$	210,000

2026-27 Legislative Budget Request

				General		
Priority	Agency Request	FTE	Rate	Revenue	Trust Funds	Issue Total
10	Transfer Cybersecurity Funding From Trust Funds to General Revenue - DEDUCT				\$ (499,063)	\$ (499,063)
10	Transfer Cybersecurity Funding From Trust Funds to General Revenue - ADD			\$ 499,063		\$ 499,063
11	Competitive Pay Adjustment for Specialized Staff Within Victim Services		98,561		\$ 119,929	\$ 119,929
12	Florida, Planning, Accounting, and Ledger Management (PALM) Readiness			\$ 1,246,149		\$ 1,246,149
13	Technical Issue - Correct Funding Source Identifiers - DEDUCT				\$ (152,973)	\$ (152,973)
13	Technical Issue - Correct Funding Source Identifiers - ADD				\$ 152,973	\$ 152,973
	Total	0.00	430,074	\$ 6,810,208	\$1,059,009	\$ 7,869,217



JUDICIAL BRANCH LEGISLATIVE BUDGET REQUEST FY 2026-27

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL AND CIVIL JUSTICE

OCTOBER 15, 2025

FY 2026-27 LEGISLATIVE BUDGET REQUEST

Trial Courts

Issues	FTE	General Revenue (Recurring)	General Revenue (Non- Recurring)	Trust Fund (Recurring)	FY 2026-27 Request Total
Case Management Technology (Year 1)	47.00	\$20,141,249	\$7,337,295		\$27,478,544
Child Support Enforcement Hearing Officer Salaries				\$433,606	\$433,606
Case Manager Resources	48.00	\$4,469,579	\$160,800		\$4,630,379
Courthouse Furnishings			\$273,773		\$273,773

FY 2026-27 LEGISLATIVE BUDGET REQUEST

Appellate Courts

Issues	General Revenue (Recurring)	FY 2026-27 Request Total	
District Court Judicial Suite	\$1,630,353	\$1,630,353	

FY 2026-27 LEGISLATIVE BUDGET REQUEST

Supreme Court

	General	FY 2026-27	
Issues	Revenue (Non-Recurring)	Request Total	
Supreme Court Building Elevator Replacement	\$1,040,000	\$1,040,000	

FY 2026-27 LEGISLATIVE BUDGET REQUEST

Office of the State Courts Administrator

	General Revenue		General	FY 2026-27
			Revenue	Request
<u>Issues</u>	<u>FTE</u>	(Recurring)	(Non-Recurring)	Total
PALM Readiness	3.00	\$370,676	\$1,082,058	\$1,452,734

FY 2026-27 LEGISLATIVE BUDGET REQUEST

Branch-Wide Issues

Issues	FTE	General Revenue (Recurring)	General Revenue (Non-Recurring)	Trust Fund (Recurring)	FY 2026-27 Request Total
Judicial Security Resources	2.00	\$453,168	\$484,572		\$937,740
Senior Management Service Retirement		\$4,024,054		\$976,683	\$5,000,737
Judicial Compensation		\$16,192,078			\$16,192,078

FY 2026-27 LEGISLATIVE BUDGET REQUEST

Judicial Qualifications Commission

Issues	FTE	General Revenue (Recurring)	General Revenue (Non-Recurring)	FY 2026-27 Request Total
Judicial Qualifications Commission Resources	1.00	\$166,976	\$4,257	\$171,233

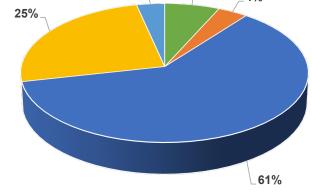
Questions?

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FY 26-27 Legislative Budget Request Senate Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice Mike Phillips, Deputy Commissioner

Program Area	FTE	General Revenue	Trust Fund	Total
Executive Direction and Support	176	\$10,460,275	\$14,301,674	\$24,761,949
Capitol Police Services	110	\$3,150,022	\$10,444,921	\$13,594,943
Investigative and Forensic Sciences	1,245	\$173,894,185	\$51,035,060	\$224,929,245
Criminal Justice Information	400	\$27,895,681	\$64,234,213	\$92,129,894
Criminal Justice Professionalism	93	\$3,729,143	\$8,914,959	\$12,644,102
Total	2,024	\$219,129,306	\$148,930,827	\$368,060,133



- Executive Direction and Support
- Capitol Police Services
- Investigations and Forensic Sciences
- Criminal Justice Information
- Criminal Justice Professionalism

FDLE's budget represents less than 1% of the state budget.

The table above excludes \$162M in state and federal pass-through funds to aid local law enforcement.

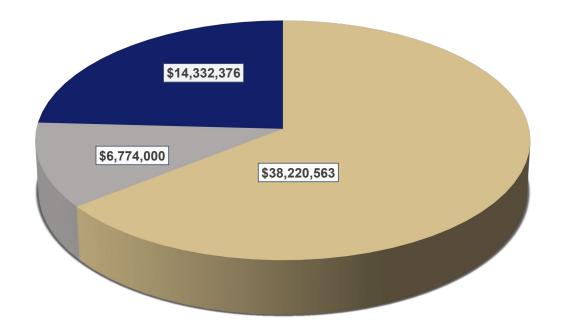
Issue	FTE	GR	Trust Fund	Total	Recurring
Fort Myers Regional Operations Center Facility		\$2,400,000	\$2,000,000	\$4,400,000	\$2,400,000
MEPIC Technology Upgrades (Final Year)			\$2,440,000	\$2,440,000	\$60,000
Alcohol Testing Program (Final Year)			\$3,305,304	\$3,305,304	\$305,000
Criminal Justice Information Services Systems Support			\$460,951	\$460,951	\$460,951
Data Exchange and Reporting Systems Update		\$1,450,000		\$1,450,000	
Criminal Justice Data Transparency (Portal Upgrade)		\$850,000		\$850,000	
Florida Fusion Center Network Sustainment		\$1,987,719		\$1,987,719	\$1,987,719
Law Enforcement Data Sharing Program	5	\$1,350,226		\$1,350,226	\$1,318,536
Career Offender Registry and Enforcement Staffing	8	\$1,477,730		\$1,477,730	\$1,142,010
Office of Wellness Expansion (Final Year)	16	\$5,038,006		\$5,038,006	\$4,521,674

Issue	FTE	GR	Trust Fund	Total	Recurring
Capitol Police Operational Expenses		\$370,000		\$370,000	\$370,000
Cyber Investigations and Telecommunications					
Enhancements	10	\$4,622,615		\$4,622,615	\$1,569,183
Maintain Investigative Vehicle Fleet		\$1,067,824	\$1,500,000	\$2,567,824	
Critical Information Technology Security Infrastructure		\$4,075,000		\$4,075,000	\$3,355,000
Maintenance Contracts for Laboratory Equipment		\$500,000		\$500,000	\$500,000
Digital Forensics Modernization		\$1,153,923		\$1,153,923	\$991,480
Forensic Firearm Range Remediation		\$1,319,552		\$1,319,552	
Increased Costs for Laboratory Services and Supplies		\$800,000		\$800,000	
Modernization of the Computerized Criminal History and					
CJIS Data Systems (Year 1 of 5)		\$2,034,000		\$2,034,000	
Staffing for Professional Compliance	4	\$378,244		\$378,244	\$354,173

Issue	FTE	GR	Trust Fund	Total	Recurring
Additional Personnel to Implement Statutory					
Requirements	5	\$578,669		\$578,669	\$545,479
Sworn Training Unit Resources		\$305,000		\$305,000	\$100,000
Criminal Alien Detection and Crime Suppression	9	\$899,216		\$899,216	\$842,174
State Assistance for Fentanyl Eradication (S.A.F.E) in					
Florida Program		\$15,000,000		\$15,000,000	
Criminal Justice Officer Training Funding		\$362,960		\$362,960	\$362,960
RAMS for PALM (Final Year)		\$1,600,000		\$1,600,000	
Transfer Position Between Program Components					
Transfer Funds Between Categories					
Total Request	57	\$49,620,684	\$9,706,255	\$59,326,939	\$21,186,339



- Support Law Enforcement Partners
- Provide Information Technology for Public Safety
- Maintain Department Operations





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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET REQUEST FISCAL YEAR 2026-27

Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice

David A. Wyant, Chairman October 15, 2025



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FLORIDA COMMISSION ON OFFENDER REVIEW (FCOR)

A constitutionally authorized (Article IV, Section 8 of the Florida Constitution), quasi-judicial, decision-making body created by law (s. 20.32, F.S.), that has been serving and protecting the citizens of Florida since 1941.

MISSION

To ensure public safety and provide victim assistance through the post prison release process.



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PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES

POST INCARCERATION ENFORCEMENT AND VICTIMS RIGHTS

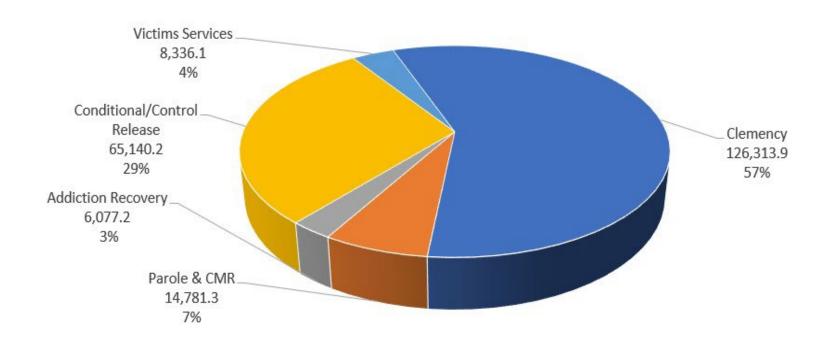
- 1. Parole & Conditional Medical Release
- 2. Victims Services
- 3. Conditional Release & Addiction Recovery Release
- 4. Revocations
- 5. Clemency



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FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2024-25 WORKLOAD HOURS BY BUDGET ACTIVITY

FY24-25 Workload Hours by Function





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BASE BUDGET

FY 2026-27 BASE BUDGET - GENERAL REVENUE (GR)	\$15,778,817
Salaries and Benefits	\$13,421,977
Other Personal Services	\$213,096
Expenses	\$959,700
Operating Capital Outlay	\$16,771
Contracted Services	\$393,756
Risk Management Insurance	\$71,622
Lease/Purchase/Equipment	\$27,600
TR/DMS/HR SVCS/STW Contract	\$59,581
Other Data Processing	\$614,714



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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET PRIORITIES

ISSUE	TOTAL REQUEST
Retention For Regional Administrators, Commission Investigator Supervisors, and Commission Investigators (100 Positions)	\$288,990
Retention For Revocation Staff	\$24,766
Wi-Fi FCOR Central Office	\$69,300
Vehicle Acquisition For Field Offices	\$230,447
Vehicle Replacement Central Office	\$30,480
FCOR Technology Support	\$2,166,300
Salary Adjustment For Commissioners	\$81,667
Total	\$2,891,950



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SENATOR COREY SIMON

3rd District

October 7th, 2025

The Honorable Ileana Garcia

Chair, Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice 201 The Capitol 404 South Monroe Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Dear Chair Garcia,

Senator Simon respectfully requests an excused absence from the October 15th, 2025, meeting of the Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice.

I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Stephen Huddleston

Stephen Huddleston Legislative Aide to Senator Corey Simon

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