

# SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

BILL: SB 1952

SPONSOR: Senator Margolis

SUBJECT: Disposition of Civil Penalties by County Courts

DATE: April 2, 2004                      REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Cibula</u>	<u>Lang</u>	<u>JU</u>	<u>Favorable</u>
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**I. Summary:**

The bill transfers deposit of the revenue stream for foster care citizen review panels in Miami-Dade County from the state courts system to the Justice Administrative Commission. No change in the existing funding source or amount is made.

This bill substantially amends section 318.21, Florida Statutes.

**II. Present Situation:**

**Foster Care Citizen Review Panels**

Foster care citizen review panels are authorized to be created in each judicial circuit upon an order of the chief judge of the circuit.<sup>1</sup> These panels are composed of 5 volunteers who provide courts with a report and recommendations regarding the placement and dispositional alternatives that a court must consider when reviewing the status of a child who has been reunited with his or her parents. Funds from a portion of the civil penalties collected by courts for traffic violations are deposited into the Grants and Donations Trust Fund within the state courts system to administer the foster care review panels.

**Justice Administrative Commission**

The Justice Administrative Commission (JAC) was created to provide administrative services and assistance to state attorneys and public defenders, the office of capital collateral representative of Florida, and the Judicial Qualifications Commission.<sup>2</sup> The administrative

<sup>1</sup> Section 39.702(1), F.S.

<sup>2</sup> Section 43.16(5)(a), F.S.

services and assistance that may be provided by the JAC include preparation of budget requests, voucher schedules, and other forms and reports.<sup>3</sup>

### **State Courts System**

Section 29.001(1), F.S., defines the state courts system “to include the essential elements of the Supreme Court, district courts of appeal, circuit courts, county courts, and essential supports thereto.”

### **III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

The bill transfers deposit of the revenue stream for foster care citizen review panels in Miami-Dade County from the state courts system to the Justice Administrative Commission. No change in the existing funding source or amount is made.

The bill provides an effective date of July 1, 2004.

### **IV. Constitutional Issues:**

#### **A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:**

None.

#### **B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:**

None.

#### **C. Trust Funds Restrictions:**

None.

### **V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:**

#### **A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

#### **B. Private Sector Impact:**

#### **C. Government Sector Impact:**

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<sup>3</sup> Section 43.16(5)(b), F.S.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Amendments:**

None.

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This Senate staff analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's sponsor or the Florida Senate.

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