

# 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 2732

SPONSOR: Senator Smith

SUBJECT: Gender-Specific Juvenile Justice Programming

DATE: March 22, 2004

REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Dugger</u>	<u>Cannon</u>	<u>CJ</u>	<u>Favorable</u>
2.	_____	_____	<u>GO</u>	_____
3.	_____	_____	<u>ACJ</u>	_____
4.	_____	_____	<u>AP</u>	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____
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## I. Summary:

Senate Bill 2732 statutorily requires the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) to provide gender-specific programming for children in the department's care and custody. In addition, the bill requires the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) to conduct an analysis of programs for females to determine if existing programs meet their gender-specific needs. The analysis must also determine the cost of providing such programming, and if females charged with status or probation violation offenses could be better served by less costly community-based programs.

This bill amends section 985.02 of the Florida Statutes.

## II. Present Situation:

The DJJ administers programs for males and females. Currently, there is no statutory requirement that programs administered by the DJJ provide gender-specific program models and services. However, according to the DJJ, any new contract entered into between the department and a private provider of residential services references the need for the provider to deliver gender-specific services and programs to committed children. Similarly, as contracts are renewed, gender-specific programming language is added into these contracts with program providers.

Residential program monitors and contract managers for the DJJ currently review private providers' compliance with contracts, such as providing gender-specific programming, to ensure that providers are maintaining acceptable levels of service. When the DJJ finds deficiencies, it puts corrective action plans in place to correct the problems.

**III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

Senate Bill 2732 would provide a statutory requirement that the DJJ commitment programs provide gender-specific programming. In addition, the bill would require OPPAGA to conduct an analysis of programs for females to determine if existing programs meet their gender-specific needs. The analysis would also be required to determine the cost of providing such programming, and if females charged with status or probation violation offenses could be better served by less costly community-based programs.

**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:**

None.

**C. Government Sector Impact:**

According to the DJJ, the long range fiscal impact of the bill is not able to be determined at this time. (There should not be any immediate fiscal impact as a result of this bill.) However, the DJJ states that once OPPAGA completes the required analysis of the department's gender-specific programming for females, the fiscal impact should be able to be determined.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Amendments:**

None.

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