

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate House Comm: WD 2/20/2008

The Committee on Criminal Justice (Wise) recommended the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between line(s) 245 and 246 and insert:

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Section 6. Section 985.664, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

985.664 Juvenile justice circuit boards and juvenile justice county councils. --

There is authorized a juvenile justice circuit board to be established in each of the 20 judicial circuits and a juvenile justice county council to be established in each of the 67 counties. The purpose of each juvenile justice circuit board and each juvenile justice county council is to provide advice

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and direction to the department in the development and implementation of juvenile justice programs and to work collaboratively with the department in seeking program improvements and policy changes to address the emerging and changing needs of Florida's youth who are at risk of delinquency.

- (2) Each juvenile justice county council shall develop a juvenile justice prevention and early intervention plan for the county and shall collaborate with the circuit board and other county councils assigned to that circuit in the development of a comprehensive plan for the circuit.
- (3) Juvenile justice circuit boards and county councils shall also participate in facilitating interagency cooperation and information sharing and where beneficial may implement through or recommend to the department or legislature a design or programs and projects in furtherance of the comprehensive plan.
- Juvenile justice circuit boards and county councils may apply for and receive public or private grants to be administered by one of the community partners that support one or more components of the county or circuit plan, and as otherwise directed in their bylaws.
- Juvenile justice circuit boards and county councils shall advise and assist the department in the evaluation and award of prevention and early intervention grant programs, including the Community Juvenile Justice Partnership Grant program established in s. 985.676 and proceeds from the Invest in Children license plate annual use fees.

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- (6) Each juvenile justice circuit board shall provide an annual report to the department describing the activities of the circuit board and each of the county councils contained within its circuit agreed upon and signed by each acting chair of the board and councils. The department may prescribe a format and content requirements for submission of annual reports and shall present and submit its annual legislative budget request reflecting the required material and fiscal needs of each board and council.
- Membership of the juvenile justice circuit board may not exceed 18 members, except as provided in subsections (8) and (9). Members must include the state attorney, the public defender, and the chief judge of the circuit, or their respective designees. The remaining 15 members of the board must be appointed by the county councils within that circuit. The board where possible for purposes of equity must be composed of equally numbered members include at least one representative from each county council within the circuit. In appointing members to the circuit board, the county councils must reflect:
 - The circuit's geography and population distribution. (a)
- Juvenile justice partners, including, but not limited to, representatives of law enforcement, the school system, and the Department of Children and Family Services.
 - Diversity in the judicial circuit.
- At any time after the adoption of initial bylaws pursuant to subsection (12), and absent any county councils formed within a circuit, a juvenile justice circuit board may revise the bylaws to increase the number of members by not more

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than three in order to adequately reflect the diversity of the population and community organizations or agencies in the circuit.

- If county councils are not formed within a circuit, the circuit board may establish its membership in accordance with subsection (10) of not more than 18 members. For juvenile justice circuit boards organized pursuant to this subsection, the state attorney, public defender, and chief circuit judge, or their respective designees, shall be members of the circuit board.
- Membership of the juvenile justice county councils, or juvenile justice circuit boards established under subsection (9), may include representatives from the following entities:
- Representatives from the school district, which may include elected school board officials, the school superintendent, school or district administrators, teachers, and counselors.
 - Representatives of the board of county commissioners. (b)
- Representatives of the governing bodies of local municipalities within the county.
- A representative of the corresponding circuit or regional entity of the Department of Children and Family Services.
- Representatives of local law enforcement agencies, (e) including the sheriff or the sheriff's designee.
 - (f) Representatives of the judicial system.
 - Representatives of the business community. (g)

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- Representatives of other interested officials, groups, or entities, including, but not limited to, a children's services council, public or private providers of juvenile justice programs and services, students, parents, and advocates. Private providers of juvenile justice programs may not exceed one-third of the voting membership.
 - (i) Representatives of the faith community.
- (j) Representatives of victim-service programs and victims of crimes.
 - (k) Representatives of the Department of Corrections.
- (11) Each juvenile justice county council, or juvenile justice circuit board established under subsection (9), must provide for the establishment of an executive committee of not more than 10 members. The duties and authority of the executive committee must be addressed in the bylaws.
- (12) Each juvenile justice circuit board and county council shall develop bylaws that provide for officers and committees as the board or council deems necessary and shall specify the qualifications, method of selection, and term for each office created. The bylaws shall address at least the following issues: process for appointments to the board or council; election or appointment of officers; filling of vacant positions; duration of member terms; provisions for voting; meeting attendance requirements; and the establishment and duties of an executive committee, if required under subsection (11).
- (13) Members of juvenile justice circuit boards and county councils are subject to the provisions of part III of chapter

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112, F.S., and s. 11.25 F.S. Juvenile justice circuit boards and county councils are units of the legislature as prescribed by s. 11.135, F.S.

- (14) Nongovernmental members of the juvenile justice circuit boards and county councils shall serve without compensation, unless stated otherwise in the bylaws, but are entitled to receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance with s. 112.061, Florida Statutes, and all other costs and expenses which may be necessary and required while in performance of their duties.
- (15) The department shall provide legal counsel on all internal matters to the boards and councils where necessary as to their duties, responsibilities and jurisdiction.

Section 7. Subsection (1) of section 985.668, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

985.668 Innovation zones. -- The department shall encourage each of the juvenile justice circuit boards or councils to propose at least one innovation zone within the circuit for the purpose of implementing any experimental, pilot, or demonstration project that furthers the legislatively established goals of the department. An innovation zone is a defined geographic area such as a circuit, commitment region, county, municipality, service delivery area, school campus, or neighborhood providing a laboratory for the research, development, and testing of the applicability and efficacy of model programs, policy options, and new technologies for the department.



- (1) (a) The juvenile justice circuit board or council shall submit a proposal for an innovation zone to the secretary. If the purpose of the proposed innovation zone is to demonstrate that specific statutory goals can be achieved more effectively by using procedures that require modification of existing rules, policies, or procedures, the proposal may request the secretary to waive such existing rules, policies, or procedures or to otherwise authorize use of alternative procedures or practices. Waivers of such existing rules, policies, or procedures must comply with applicable state or federal law.
- (b) For innovation zone proposals that the secretary determines require changes to state law, the secretary may submit a request for a waiver from such laws, together with any proposed changes to state law, to the chairs of the appropriate legislative committees for consideration.
- (c) For innovation zone proposals that the secretary determines require waiver of federal law, the secretary may submit a request for such waivers to the applicable federal agency.

(Renumber subsequent sections.)

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177 And the title is amended as follows:

On line 21, delete that line

179 and insert:

> Department of Juvenile Justice; amending s. 985.664, F.S., authorizing juvenile justice boards and county councils to

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implement through or recommend to the Department or Legislature programs furthering the comprehensive plan; requiring the department to present its annual legislative budget request reflecting required material and fiscal needs of each board and council; changing membership of the circuit boards and county councils; providing that circuit boards and county councils are legislative units under s. 11.135, F.S.; requiring the department to provide legal counsel to boards and councils; amending s. 985.668, F.S., authorizing county councils to propose innovation zones within the circuit; amending s. 985.66, F.S.;