

SENATE BILL SUMMARY

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SB 1176 Juvenile Justice by Senator Wise

Requires the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) to adopt rules for restraining a child upon his or her arrival at the courthouse. Requires that the rules describe when a mechanical device may be used and how long a child may be placed in isolation. Requires the DJJ to comply with the Protective Action Response policy whenever mechanical restraints are used.

Requires that a juvenile justice circuit board and a juvenile justice county council be established in each judicial circuit and county, respectively. Provides a purpose for each board and council including working collaboratively with the DJJ, the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), and the Children and Youth Cabinet in seeking program improvements and policy changes to address the needs of Florida's youth who are at risk of delinquency and dependency. Requires the Children and Youth Cabinet to monitor the local and statewide plans implemented by and through the boards and councils.

Requires a circuit board and county council to enter into a written county or circuit interagency agreement specifying the nature and extent of contributions that each signatory agency will make to achieve the goals of the county or circuit plan. Specifies that the interagency agreement must include as parties, at a minimum, local school authorities or representatives, local law enforcement agencies, state attorneys, public defenders, and local representatives of the DJJ and the DCFS.

Requires each circuit board to prepare an annual report. Requires the annual legislative budget request to reflect the needs of each board and council. Provides for membership on the county councils or circuit boards to include residents of high-crime zip code communities.

Requires the DJJ to provide legal counsel to advise boards and councils. Requires each circuit board and county council to use due diligence to encourage community participation by using community outreach outlets.

Requires the DJJ to encourage circuit boards and county councils to propose at least one innovation zone.

Provides that criteria used when awarding community juvenile justice partnership grants include the development and implementation of the goals of the local juvenile justice county council or circuit board and the Children and Youth Cabinet, along with other DJJ purposes. Allows the DJJ to extend indefinitely the funding period of a grant under specified circumstances. (See bill for details)