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JUVENILE JUSTICE, DEPT OF 80000000

PRIORITY SUMMARY NARRATIVE:

The Department of Juvenile Justice's (DJJ) vision is to ensure that children and families of Florida live in safe, nurturing communities that provide for their needs, recognize their strengths and support their success. Consequently, DJJ offers a continuum of services throughout its major programs -- Detention Care and Custody, Aftercare and Conditional Release, Juvenile Probation, Non-Secure and Secure Residential Commitment programs, and Prevention and Victim services.

In order to comply with the requirements of the Schedule VIIIB-2, DJJ has identified services and/or programs offered through its continuum to youth and families for possible elimination or reduction. Proposed budget reductions were evaluated and prioritized using a balanced approach, taking into consideration that the Department's mission is to ensure public safety by reducing juvenile delinquency through effective prevention, intervention and treatment services that strengthen families and turn around the lives of troubled youth. The department has attempted to offer reductions that have been selected carefully in order to minimize impact on public safety and services to youth and families; however, these reductions are substantial and definitely will adversely impact our core mission. Reductions were selected from detention, probation and residential services. DJJ's recommendations center around the following:

- Closing regional juvenile detention centers that are under-utilized; although the shift in population will cause the remaining centers to operate above 100% capacity.
- Eliminating the department's responsibility to supervise the over 22,000 misdemeanor population court ordered onto probation status.
- Reducing non-secure and secure bed availability for youth assigned to low, moderate, high and maximum risk programs which will increase the number of youth waiting at home or in a detention center until an appropriate bed is available and stresses the capacity of residential programs already operating at close to 100% capacity. These types of conditions impact youth and staff, health, safety and security.

These reduction proposals will have a serious impact on youth and families served by the Department. Our agency understands that the expected revenue shortfall requires the State to make tough choices regarding juvenile delinquency. It should be noted however, these reductions if implemented will negatively impact our work with communities throughout Florida to prevent children from entering the Juvenile Justice system and eventually impact negatively the growth in the need for adult prison beds and other costs associated with the adult criminal justice system.

SCHEDULE VIIIB REDUCTIONS -			
OPERATING			33B0000
REDUCE DETENTION BED CAPACITY AT			
UNDERUTILIZED FACILITIES		001	33B0330
GENERAL REVENUE FUND	340,540-		1000
TRUST FUNDS	1,718,126-		2000

TOTAL POSITIONS.....	39.00-		
TOTAL ISSUE.....	2,058,666-		
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SCH VIIIB-2 NARR 09-10 NOTES:

This reduction proposes to close the regional detention center located in St. Johns County, a 50-bed facility. This

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facility has historically operated under capacity. If St. Johns Regional Juvenile Detention Center (RJDC) is closed, youth who meet the secure detention criteria will be transferred and detained at other detention centers in close proximity. The closure of this facility will require other detention centers to operate at higher capacities or above 100% capacity. There will be additional demands for transportation resources due to the need to transport youth longer distances for court appearances and outside medical appointments. Transportation costs will increase across the state. This reduction proposal will present conflicts with local stakeholders such as, the Courts, Department of Children and Families and other involved agencies who might require access to the youth at the local detention center. Law enforcement could be required to transport youth to other sites for screening, placement and follow-up investigations. Extra travel will also impact Guardian-Ad-Litem, the State Attorney, Public Defender, as well as parents or family members who visit detained youth. Calculations for this reduction are as follows:

Facility	General Revenue	Federal Grants Trust Fund	Grants & Donations Trust Fund	Shared County/ State Juvenile Detention Trust Fund	Total
St. Johns RJDC	\$ 340,540	\$ 15,370	\$ 31,668	\$1,671,088	\$2,058,666
Total	\$ 340,540	\$ 15,370	\$ 31,668	\$1,671,088	\$2,058,666

As a result of the elimination of beds through the closure of detention facilities, the department recommends reducing the number of youth eligible for placement into secure detention by changing the statutory criteria for admission under Florida Statute 985.255 (1)(a)-(j) and (2).

This reduction will affect the Secure Supervision (ACT0510), Health Services (ACT0520), Mental Health Services (ACT0530), Food Services (ACT0540), Transportation (ACT0560) and Facilities, Repair Maintenance (ACT0570) Activities in the Detention Centers budget entity.

This proposed budget reduction is submitted to comply with the Schedule VIIIB-2 requirements.

REDUCE DETENTION BED CAPACITY 002 33B0230

GENERAL REVENUE FUND 144,354- 1000
 TRUST FUNDS 756,050- 2000

TOTAL POSITIONS..... 16.00-
 TOTAL ISSUE..... 900,404-
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 SCHEDULE VIIIIB REDUCTIONS -
 OPERATING 33B0000
 REDUCE DETENTION BED CAPACITY 002 33B0230

SCH VIIIIB-2 NARR 09-10 NOTES:

This reduction proposes to close the regional detention center located in Monroe County, a 15-bed facility. This facility tends to operate above 65% capacity. If Monroe Regional Juvenile Detention Center (RJDC) is closed, youth who meet the secure detention criteria will be transferred and detained at Miami-Dade RJDC, which is approximately 159 miles from this community. Travel time between the two communities is approximately four (4) hours and automobiles cannot cross the bridge if the winds are above 45 miles per hour. The closure of this facility will require Miami-Dade RJDC to operate above capacity creating overcrowding. This will result in an increase in overtime for the already overextended Juvenile Detention Officers, as maintaining safety and security is the top priority. This will also put a strain on the Medical and Mental Health staff and the teachers as they struggle to accommodate the needs of the youth from the closed detention center. There will be additional demands for transportation resources due to the need to transport youth longer distances for court appearances and outside medical appointments. Transportation costs will increase across the state. This reduction proposal will present conflicts with local stakeholders such as, the Courts, Department of Children and Families and other involved agencies who might require access to the youth at the local detention center. Law enforcement could be required to transport youth to other sites for screening, placement and follow-up investigations. Extra travel will also impact Guardian-Ad-Litem, the State Attorney, Public Defender, as well as parents or family members who visit detained youth. Calculations for this reduction are as follows:

Facility	General Revenue	Grants & Donations Trust Fund	Shared County/ State Juvenile Detention Trust Fund	Total
Monroe RJDC	\$ 144,354	\$ 2,498	\$ 753,552	\$ 900,404
Total	\$ 144,354	\$ 2,498	\$ 753,552	\$ 900,404

As a result of the elimination of beds through the closure of detention facilities, the department recommends reducing the number of youth eligible for placement into secure detention by changing the statutory criteria for admission under Florida Statute 985.255 (1)(a)-(j) and (2).

This reduction will affect the Secure Supervision (ACT0510), Health Services (ACT0520), Mental Health Services (ACT0530), Food Services (ACT0540), Transportation (ACT0560) and Facilities, Repair Maintenance (ACT0570) Activities in the Detention Centers budget entity.

This proposed budget reduction is submitted to comply with the Schedule VIIIIB-2 requirements.

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SCHEDULE VIIIIB REDUCTIONS -			
OPERATING			33B0000
ELIMINATE THE DEPARTMENT OF			
JUVENILE JUSTICE'S RESPONSIBILITY			
FOR MISDEMEANANT PROBATION			
SUPERVISION		003	33B0530
GENERAL REVENUE FUND	22,786,603-		1000
TRUST FUNDS	1,832,237-		2000

TOTAL POSITIONS.....	425.00-		
TOTAL ISSUE.....	24,618,840-		
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SCH VIIIIB-2 NARR 09-10 NOTES:

The Department of Juvenile Justice provides probation supervision services to all children court ordered onto probation, including children adjudicated delinquent for felony charges and those adjudicated for misdemeanor charges. This reduction issue proposes to eliminate the responsibility of the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) to supervise the misdemeanor population court ordered onto probation status. While the Department will continue to supervise youth on probation for felony offenses, elimination of the responsibility for misdemeanor only probation will have a profound effect across the three budget entities in the Probation and Community Corrections Program.

Approximately 60% of front line probation officers and support staff are assigned to probation supervision functions. Based upon data from DJJ's Office of Research and Planning, approximately 54% of youth on probation are ordered to probation for misdemeanor only charges. During FY 06-07 the Department served 41,083 children with probation supervision services, and 54% of that number is 22,185. Youth charged as a misdemeanor might still require some level of supervision and/or intervention services, all of which must be provided by local communities where these youth reside. Public safety of the community and outcomes for youth under probation supervision will be jeopardized if these reductions are approved.

The impediments this proposal faces include substantial changes to Florida Statutes regarding misdemeanor youth including F.S. 985.0301, 985.101, 985.145 and 985 Part VII. Local Circuit Court Juvenile Divisions may be required to assume the responsibility of administering appropriate services to youths referred for misdemeanor only offenses, which may pose a conflict for those judges seeking sentencing options. To this extent any language in Florida Statutes regarding DJJ administered probation for misdemeanors would need to be eliminated.

In the Juvenile Probation and Aftercare budget entities 425 FTEs associated with misdemeanor probation would be eliminated. The salaries, benefits, variable costs, and human resource outsourcing fees associated with these positions are estimated to be \$18,364,076. This proposal would also eliminate 591 contracted Aftercare and Conditional Release slots resulting in a reduction of \$3,902,284 (591 Slots X \$18.09 Avg Per Diem X 365 Days) and 174 Non-Residential Commitment slots resulting in a reduction of \$2,352,480 (174 X \$52.00 X 260 Days).

This reduction issue will affect the Counseling and Supervision - Contracted (ACT0600), Counseling and Supervision - State Provided (ACT0610), Apprehension (0650), Intake and Screening (0710), and Diversion (ACT0720) activities in the

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JUVENILE JUSTICE'S RESPONSIBILITY			
FOR MISDEMEANANT PROBATION			
SUPERVISION		003	33B0530

Probation and Community Correction Program.

This proposed budget reduction is submitted to comply with the Schedule VIIIB-2 requirements.

REDUCE NON-SECURE BED CAPACITY		004	33B0170
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GENERAL REVENUE FUND	17,031,289-	1000
TRUST FUNDS	752,343-	2000

TOTAL ISSUE.....	17,783,632-	
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SCH VIIIB-2 NARR 09-10 NOTES:

This reduction issue proposes to eliminate 508 non-secure general offender beds. The Department has been operating between 98-99% capacity since July 2008 due to previous funding reductions. Funding reductions will affect an additional 487 beds from General Revenue, 2 beds from Grants & Donations Trust Fund and 19 beds from Social Services Block Grant Trust Fund appropriations. This action further reduces 14% of the non-secure bed capacity which will continue to impact the department's ability to quickly place youth into court ordered commitment programs. This proposal represents 13.91% and 16.10% reductions to the General Revenue and Grants & Donations Trust Fund appropriations, respectively totaling \$17,118,496 (489 beds X 95.91 per diem X 365 days) and a 31.20% reduction to the Social Services Block Grant Trust Fund appropriation of \$665,136 (19 beds X 95.91 per diem X 365 days).

Currently, the Department's non-secure bed capacity is 3,744 beds. A reduction of 508 non-specialty beds will significantly impact the availability of appropriate placements for youth committed to non-secure commitment programs. Loss of these non-secure beds will impact the use of beds throughout the system, especially the remaining non-secure general offender beds. Non-secure general offender beds have the shortest length of wait and lowest utilization rate as most youth require some type of specialized service of placement. This loss will limit the department's ability to create needed additional specialized services beds. Additionally, it is anticipated that the number of youth waiting for placement and the length of time spent waiting for placement will increase. Youth awaiting placement may have to be at home under the supervision of a Juvenile Probation Officer, thereby placing unintended pressure on probation resources and on public safety.

Additionally, the loss of these beds may create a conflict with the courts seeking placement options for youth. With the loss of beds, the Department will recommend that only youth adjudicated on felony offense be placed in a residential program.

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SCHEDULE VIIIIB REDUCTIONS -			
OPERATING			33B0000
REDUCE NON-SECURE BED CAPACITY		004	33B0170

This reduction issue will affect the Care and Custody - Contracted Activity (ACT0790) in the Non-Secure Residential Commitment budget entity.

This proposed reduction issue is submitted to comply with the Schedule Vlll-B(2) requirements.

REDUCE SECURE BED CAPACITY		005	33B0240
GENERAL REVENUE FUND	3,843,073-		1000
TRUST FUNDS	2,742,652-		2000

TOTAL ISSUE.....	6,585,725-		
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SCH VIIIIB-2 NARR 09-10 NOTES:

This reduction issue proposes to eliminate 132 secure offender beds. Funding reductions will affect 77 beds from General Revenue, 5 beds from Grants & Donations Trust Fund and 50 beds from Social Services Block Grant Trust Fund appropriations. This action reduces 9% of the secure bed capacity. This proposal represents 14.39% and 45.79% reductions to the General Revenue and Grants & Donations Trust Fund appropriations, respectively totaling \$4,091,132 (82 beds X 136.69 per diem X 365 days) and a 9.10% reduction to the Social Services Block Grant Trust Fund appropriation of \$2,494,593 (50 beds X 136.69 per diem X 365 days).

Currently, the Department's secure bed capacity is 1,536 beds and utilization rates have been between 98%-100% for high and maximum-risk beds. Additionally, the waiting list for high-risk placement has exceeded 100 youth. These youth will continue to sit in a secure detention facility, many in excess of 30 days, until a bed becomes available. It is anticipated that the number of youth waiting for placement and the length of time spent waiting for placement will dramatically increase. The increased stay of youth in detention centers will adversely affect detention centers, many of which are already operating at their capacities. These extended waits in detention centers will also increase the cost to the state for post-dispositional care.

With the loss of beds, the Department will recommend that only youth adjudicated on a felony offense be placed in a residential program. In order to restrict residential beds for youth with felony charges, the language under Florida Statute 985.441 (1)(b) must be amended to limit the Courts' authority and specify that the Court can only commit youth with felony charges to residential programs.

This reduction issue will affect the Care and Custody - Contracted Activity (ACT0790) in the Secure Residential Commitment budget entity.

This proposed reduction issue is submitted to comply with the Schedule Vlll-B(2) requirements.

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BY FUND TYPE			
GENERAL REVENUE FUND		44,145,859-	1000
TRUST FUNDS		7,801,408-	2000

TOTAL POSITIONS.....		480.00-	
TOTAL DEPARTMENT.....		51,947,267-	
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