



JUVENILE JUSTICE SERVICES - FOLLOW-UP ON PREVIOUS INTENT LANGUAGE

EXECUTIVE OFFICES AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
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ISSUE BRIEF

SUMMARY

This report summarizes intent language passed by the Legislature during its 2011 General Session regarding the Division of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS). It also provides a status response from the agency for each piece of passed intent language. No Legislative action is required from this brief, but the information may be useful in developing intent language for the 2012 General Session.

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House Bill 3, Item 18 (for FY 2011):

Under Section 63J-1-603 of the Utah Code, the Legislature intends that appropriations provided for the Division of Juvenile Justice Services line item in Item 18 of Chapter 2 Laws of Utah 2010 not lapse at the close of Fiscal Year 2011.

Agency Response:

Non-lapsing appropriations allow the Division of Juvenile Justice Services to address immediate funding issues in FY 2012. Significant reductions to programs and staffing would be required in FY 2012 if the one-time funding were not available.

Senate Bill 2, Item 15 (for FY 2012):

The Legislature intends the Division of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS) report back during the 2012 General Session its progress regarding the following items found in the document titled Human Services In-depth Budget Review Recommendations and Follow Up affecting the DJJS Fiscal Year 2012 appropriated budget as reported to the Executive Offices and Criminal Justice Appropriations Subcommittee on February 1, 2011: item numbers 9, 13, 14, and 15 of the Selected Major Recommendations and numbers 1, 6, and 7 of the Remaining Recommendations.

Agency Response:

The Division of Juvenile Justice Services reported its progress regarding the In-depth Budget Review Recommendations. The responses are addressed under a separate Issue Brief specific to the In-depth Budget Review.

The Legislature intends that agencies maximize budgets by examining expiring leases and contracts and explore all possibilities in doing so including re-negotiating for lower lease and contract rates, planning and allowing leases to expire and moving to locations with lower costs, purchasing instead of leasing a facility, and more.

Agency Response:

The Division has made several modifications to leases and contracts. In fiscal year 2011, the contract for the Salt Lake Valley Detention Center was modified, reducing capacity from 160 beds to 128 beds. The savings was \$765,000 over two fiscal years. The Division is currently remodeling the Salt Lake Case Management/Training Center location to house more case managers, allowing the division to reduce square footage requirements at another leased facility. DJJS will also eliminate the office space lease for three investigators at the end of FY 2012. These individuals will be moved to the administrative office. Provider contracts have also been re-bid, reducing costs by an average of 20%.