

CHAPTER 2003-29

Senate Bill No. 312

An act relating to the Department of Juvenile Justice; amending s. 985.407, F.S.; requiring the department to adopt by rule procedures for changing policies that affect certain contracted services and programs; requiring procedures for notice, public comment, assessment of fiscal impact, and response by the department; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Present subsections (2), (3), and (4) of section 985.407, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (3), (4), and (5), respectively, and a new subsection (2) is added to that section to read:

985.407 Departmental contracting powers; personnel standards and screening.—

(2) The department shall adopt a rule pursuant to chapter 120 establishing a procedure to provide notice of policy changes that affect contracted delinquency services and programs. A policy is defined as an operational requirement that applies to only the specified contracted delinquency service or program. The procedure shall include:

- (a) Public notice of policy development.
- (b) Opportunity for public comment on the proposed policy.
- (c) Assessment for fiscal impact upon the department and providers.
- (d) The department's response to comments received.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.

Approved by the Governor May 23, 2003.

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