

CHAPTER 2011-53

Senate Bill No. 2112

An act relating to juvenile detention facilities; amending s. 985.686, F.S.; exempting a county that provides detention care for preadjudicated juveniles, or that contracts with another county to provide such care, from certain requirements for sharing the costs for juvenile detention; amending s. 985.688, F.S.; providing that a county or county sheriff that meets certain prerequisites with respect to the operation of its juvenile detention facility is exempt from certain requirements of law governing the administration of such facilities; authorizing a county or county sheriff to form regional detention facilities through an interlocal agreement; requiring that the facility comply with federal requirements to separate juvenile inmates from adult inmates; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Present subsection (10) of section 985.686, Florida Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (11), and a new subsection (10) is added to that section, to read:

985.686 Shared county and state responsibility for juvenile detention.

(10) This section does not apply to any county that provides detention care for preadjudicated juveniles or that contracts with another county to provide detention care for preadjudicated juveniles.

Section 2. Subsection (11) is added to section 985.688, Florida Statutes, to read:

985.688 Administering county and municipal delinquency programs and facilities.—

(11)(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, a county is in compliance with this section if:

1. The county provides the full cost for preadjudication detention for juveniles;

2. The county authorizes the county sheriff, any other county jail operator, or a contracted provider located inside or outside the county to provide preadjudication detention care for juveniles;

3. The county sheriff or other county jail operator is accredited by the Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission or American Correctional Association; and

4. The facility is inspected annually and meets the Florida Model Jail Standards.

(b) A county or county sheriff may form regional detention facilities through an interlocal agreement in order to meet the requirements of this section.

(c) Each county sheriff or other county jail operator must follow the federal regulations that require sight and sound separation of juvenile inmates from adult inmates.

(d) A county or county sheriff that complies with this subsection is not subject to any additional training, procedures, or inspections required by this chapter.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.

Approved by the Governor May 26, 2011.

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