



# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

Rick Scott, Governor

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## SB 598- Juvenile Justice Education Programs, Sen. Bean

*Education is paramount in turning around the lives of the troubled youth we serve.*

- Contents are essentially the same as SB 1406, by Sen. Bean, 2013 session.
- Impacts of this proposal include:
  - **Facilitates successful re-entry by - Enhancing transition services** and requires rule development to include roles and responsibilities of school district transition contracts and transition personnel in juvenile justice education programs.
    - Requires expectations for career and technical education and transition planning be added to rule.
  - **Provides increased opportunities for youth by-** Requiring residential programs with longer lengths of stay to offer CTE courses that lead to vocational credentials or industry certification.
    - Enhances multi-agency CTE plan by increasing occupation-specific training and high school equivalency exam preparation opportunities.
  - **Ensures quality education by requiring accountability and performance measurements**
    - Requires rule development to establish an accountability system that includes performance data, program performance ratings, and improvement process.
    - Requires minimum contractual standards for school district contracts with providers
  - **Ensures every child has a quality teacher by-** Allowing the director of a juvenile justice program to request that a teacher be re-assigned for cause.
    - Requires qualifications of career education instructional staff be standardized

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*The mission of the Department of Juvenile Justice is to increase public safety by reducing juvenile delinquency through effective prevention, intervention, and treatment services that strengthen families and turn around the lives of troubled youth.*