

Legislation Text

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Interoffice Memorandum

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TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings and County Commissioners

THROUGH: Venerria L. Thomas, Director

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DIVISION: Fiscal and Operational Support Division

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval to process payment of Department of Juvenile Justice Invoices for FY 2024/2025 in an amount up to \$4,400,000. (Fiscal and Operational Support Division)

PROJECT: N/A

PURPOSE: In accordance with Chapter 2021-219, Laws of Florida, the Department of Juvenile Justice is required to provide each county that is not a fiscally constrained county and that does not provide its own detentions care for juveniles, with that county's annual percentage share and its individual portion of total shared detention costs for the state's fiscal year by July 15 of each year. The individual county's portion of detention funding is calculated by multiplying its annual percentage share by 50 percent of the total actual shared detention costs.

During the 2024-25 budget work sessions, the Board approved funding to cover the state-mandated Department of Juvenile Justice costs to Orange County. Based on Florida Statutes, Orange County is required to pay its annual percentage share of detention costs. These funds were placed in the Youth and Family Services Division budget to be disbursed as required. The amount from the State for FY 24-25 specifies \$3,765,942. However, we are requesting the amount of \$4,400,000. The difference is due to the State's fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, while the County's fiscal year ends September 30, 2025. The additional funds account for the extra three months and any additional changes the State may make for July 2025.

Funds are budgeted under the general fund.

BUDGET: N/A