A bill to be entitled

An act relating to juvenile detention costs; amending s. 985.686, F.S.; defining a term; revising the annual contributions by certain counties for the costs of detention care for juveniles; revising the methodology by which the Department of Juvenile Justice determines the percentage share for each county; requiring the state to pay all costs of detention care for juveniles residing out of state and for certain postdisposition detention care; deleting a requirement that the Department of Revenue and the counties provide certain technical assistance to the Department of Juvenile Justice; revising the applicability of specified provisions; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (2) of section 985.686, Florida Statutes, present subsections (9) and (11) of that section are redesignated as subsections (8) and (10), respectively, and subsections (3) through (7) and present subsections (8) and (10) of that section are amended, to read:

985.686 Shared county and state responsibility for

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juvenile detention.-

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(2) As used in this section, the term:

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(c) "Total shared detention costs" means the amount of

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funds expended by the department for the costs of detention care in a calendar year, minus any funds it expends on detention care for juveniles residing in fiscally constrained counties or out of state and for postdisposition detention care in those counties that provide their own predisposition detention care for juveniles.

- (3) (a) For the 2016-2017 fiscal year, each county that is not a fiscally constrained county shall pay to the department its annual percentage share of \$42.5 million. By June 1, 2016, the department shall calculate and provide to each such county its annual percentage share by dividing the total number of detention days for juveniles residing in that county in the prior calendar year by the total number of detention days for juveniles in all counties that are not fiscally constrained counties in the prior calendar year. Beginning July 1, 2016, each county shall pay to the department its annual percentage share of \$42.5 million, which shall be paid in 12 equal payments due on the first day of each month. The state shall pay the remaining actual costs of detention care. This paragraph expires June 30, 2017.
- (b) For the 2017-2018 fiscal year, and each fiscal year thereafter, each county that is not a fiscally constrained county shall pay its annual percentage share of 50 percent of the total shared detention costs for the prior calendar year. By February 1, 2017, and each year thereafter, the department shall calculate and provide to each such county its annual percentage

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share by dividing the total number of detention days for juveniles residing in that county in the prior calendar year by the total number of detention days for juveniles in all counties that are not fiscally constrained counties in the prior calendar year. The annual percentage share of each county that is not a fiscally constrained county must be multiplied by 50 percent of the total shared detention cost for the prior calendar year to determine that county's share of detention costs. Beginning July 1, each county shall pay to the department its share of detention costs for the prior calendar year, which shall be paid in 12 equal payments due on the first day of each month. The state shall pay the remaining actual costs of detention care Each county shall pay the costs of providing detention care, exclusive of the costs of any preadjudicatory nonmedical educational or therapeutic services and \$2.5 million provided for additional medical and mental health care at the detention centers, for juveniles for the period of time prior to final court disposition. The department shall develop an accounts payable system to allocate costs that are payable by the counties.

(4) Notwithstanding subsection (3), The state shall pay all costs of detention care for juveniles residing in for which a fiscally constrained county and for juveniles residing out of state. The state shall pay all costs of postdisposition detention care for those counties that provide their own predisposition detention care for juveniles would otherwise be

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billed.

(a) By October 1, 2004, the department shall develop a methodology for determining the amount of each fiscally constrained county's costs of detention care for juveniles, for the period of time prior to final court disposition, which must be paid by the state. At a minimum, this methodology must consider the difference between the amount appropriated to the department for offsetting the costs associated with the assignment of juvenile pretrial detention expenses to the fiscally constrained county and the total estimated costs to the fiscally constrained county, for the fiscal year, of detention care for juveniles for the period of time prior to final court disposition.

- (b) Subject to legislative appropriation and based on the methodology developed under paragraph (a), the department shall provide funding to offset the costs to fiscally constrained counties of detention care for juveniles for the period of time prior to final court disposition. If county matching funds are required by the department to eliminate the difference calculated under paragraph (a) or the difference between the actual costs of the fiscally constrained counties and the amount appropriated in small county grants for use in mitigating such costs, that match amount must be allocated proportionately among all fiscally constrained counties.
- (5) Each <u>county that is not a fiscally constrained</u> county shall incorporate into its annual county budget sufficient funds

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shared detention costs for the prior calendar of detention care for juveniles who reside in that county for the period of time prior to final court disposition. This amount shall be based upon the prior use of secure detention for juveniles who are residents of that county, as calculated by the department. Each county shall pay the estimated costs at the beginning of each month. Any difference between the estimated costs and actual costs shall be reconciled at the end of the state fiscal year.

- (6) Funds paid by the counties to the department pursuant to this section must be deposited Each county shall pay to the department for deposit into the Shared County/State Juvenile Detention Trust Fund its share of the county's total costs for juvenile detention, based upon calculations published by the department with input from the counties.
- (7) The department of Juvenile Justice shall determine each quarter whether the counties of this state are remitting funds as required to the department their share of the costs of detention as required by this section.
- (8) The Department of Revenue and the counties shall provide technical assistance as necessary to the Department of Juvenile Justice in order to develop the most cost-effective means of collection.
- $\underline{(9)}$ (10) This section does not apply to \underline{a} any county that provides detention care for preadjudicated juveniles or that contracts with another county to provide predisposition

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detention care for preadjudicated juveniles.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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