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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

BOBBY M., CHARLES W., SUSAN S.,  
SALVADORE S., RAYMOND C., RICHARD O.,  
THOMAS P., minors, by and through  
their next friends, DAVID MACK, and  
JOSEPH F. SMITH, JR., ESQ., on  
behalf of themselves and all others  
similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

NO.

v.

SECOND AMENDED  
COMPLAINT

ROBERT GRAHAM, in his official capacity  
as Governor of the State of Florida;  
PETER PAGE, in his official capacity  
as Secretary of the Department of Health  
and Rehabilitative Services for the State  
of Florida;  
RALPH TURLINGTON, in his official capacity  
as Commissioner of the Department of  
Education for the State of Florida;  
WAYNE SMITH, in his official capacity  
as Superintendent of the Arthur G. Dozier  
School for Boys; and SAMUEL STREIT, in  
his official capacity as Superintendent  
of the Florida School for Boys,

Defendants.

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

1. This is a civil rights class action brought on behalf  
all children who have been, are now, or will be confined in the  
three training schools in the state of Florida: Arthur G. Dozier

1 School for Boys in Marianna ("Dozier"); Alyce D. McPherson School  
2 in Ocala ("McPherson"), a co-educational institution; and Florida  
3 School for Boys at Okeechobee ("Okeechobee") (plaintiffs).  
4 Defendants confine approximately 1,000 children in these  
5 institutions.

6 2. Plaintiffs seek declaratory and injunctive relief from  
7 cruel and abusive conditions of confinement imposed by defendants  
8 that violate rights guaranteed to them by the First, Fourth, Sixth,  
9 Eighth, and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States  
10 Constitution, by federal statutes, and by the Florida Constitution  
11 and statutes. These conditions seriously endanger plaintiffs'  
12 physical and psychological health and safety, deprive them of any  
13 access to, or opportunity for, treatment or education, and restrict  
14 their access to and communication with their families, the  
15 community, and the courts. In particular, defendants subject  
16 plaintiffs to overcrowding, unsanitary and dangerous physical  
17 conditions, lack of security, lack of adequate staff, lack of  
18 medical care, abusive punishment including isolation, hogtying,  
19 shackling, and physical abuse, lack of education and programming,  
20 lack of due process in disciplinary matters, mail censorship, and  
21 deprivation of access to courts.

#### 22 23 JURISDICTION

24 3. This Court has jurisdiction of this action under 28  
25 U.S.C. §1343(3) since this is an action to redress the deprivation  
26 under color or state law, or rights secured by the Constitution of

1 the United States; the Civil Rights Acts, 42 U.S.C. §1983; and  
2 §504 of the Rehabilitation Act, 20 U.S.C. §§794 et seq.

3 4. This Court also has jurisdiction of this action under 20  
4 U.S.C. §1343(4) since this is an action to secure declaratory,  
5 injunctive and other equitable relief under acts of Congress  
6 providing for the protection of civil rights, specifically the  
7 Civil Rights Acts, 42 U.S.C. §1983; §504 of the Rehabilitation Act,  
8 29 U.S.C. §794; and the Education for All Handicapped Children Act,  
9 20 U.S.C. §§1401 et seq.

10 5. This Court also has jurisdiction of this action under 28  
11 U.S.C. §§2201 and 2202, and Federal Rules of Civil Procedures 57  
12 and 65 since this is an action seeking a judgment declaring the  
13 rights of plaintiffs and for injunctive and other equitable relief  
14 based upon that declaratory judgment under §1983.

15 6. This Court also has jurisdiction of this action under 28  
16 U.S.C. §1331(a) since this is an action in which the matter in  
17 controversy arises under the Constitution and laws of the United  
18 States.

19 7. This Court has pendent jurisdiction over all claims  
20 under Florida law because they arise out of the same nucleus of  
21 operative fact as the federal claims.

22  
23 PLAINTIFFS

24 8. Plaintiff BOBBY M. is a minor child and a citizen of the  
25 United States. He is currently confined at Dozier. Prior to his  
26 incarceration, he attended special education classes. He sues

1 incarceration, he attended special education classes. He sues  
2 through his next friend, DAVID MACK.

3 9. Plaintiff CHARLES W. is a minor child and a citizen of  
4 the United States. He is currently confined at McPherson. Prior  
5 to his confinement, he attended special education classes. He sues  
6 through his next friend, DAVID MACK.

7 10. Plaintiff SUSAN S. is a minor child and a citizen of the  
8 United States. She is confined at McPherson School where she has  
9 been confined since approximately March 29, 1981. She sues through  
10 her next friend, DAVID MACK.

11 11. Plaintiff SALVADORE S. is a minor child and a resident  
12 of the State of Florida. He is confined at Okeechobee. He is  
13 Spanish-speaking. He sues through his next friend, DAVID MACK.

14 12. Plaintiff RAYMOND C. is a minor child and a citizen of  
15 the United States. He is currently confined at Okeechobee. Prior  
16 to his confinement, he attended special education classes. He  
17 sues through his next friend, JOSEPH F. SMITH, JR., ESQ.

18 13. Plaintiff RICHARD O. is a minor child and a citizen of  
19 the United States. He is currently confined at Okeechobee. He  
20 sues through his next friend, JOSEPH F. SMITH, JR., ESQ.

21 14. Plaintiff THOMAS P. is a minor child and a citizen of  
22 the United States. He is currently confined at Okeechobee. He  
23 sues through his next friend, JOSEPH F. SMITH, JR., ESQ.

24 15. All named plaintiffs have been subjected to the  
25 policies, practices, acts and omissions described in this  
26 complaint.

DEFENDANTS

16. Defendant ROBERT GRAHAM is Governor of the State of Florida. He is the chief executive officer of the State, and, pursuant to Article Four, §1 of the Florida Constitution of 1968, is responsible for the development and implementation of the policies, practices and procedures described in this complaint, which are the official policies, practices and procedures of the State of Florida.

17. Defendant PETER PAGE is the Secretary of the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services ("HRS") for the State of Florida. In this capacity, he is responsible, inter alia, under Florida Statutes 20.05, 20.19, 402.22, 959.011, 959.021, 959.10, 959.12, and 959.25 for developing and implementing programs for the care, education and treatment of persons committed to the custody of the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services, including the operation of training schools.

18. Defendant RALPH TURLINGTON is the Commissioner of the Department of Education of the State of Florida. Pursuant to Florida Statutes 22.05, 22.15, 230.23(4)(m) and (n), 402.22 and 959.25, he is responsible for providing education and related services to children confined in training schools in Florida.

19. Defendant WAYNE SMITH is the Superintendent of Dozier School and is responsible for the policies, practices, acts and omissions described in this Complaint to the extent that they are implemented or occur at Dozier.

20. Defendant SAMUEL STREIT is the Superintendent of

1 Okeechobee School and is responsible for the policies, practices,  
2 acts and omissions described in this Complaint to the extent that  
3 they are implemented or occur at Okeechobee.

4 21. Defendants' policy manuals purport to prohibit certain  
5 practices described in this Complaint. Nevertheless, defendants or  
6 and their agents and employees, with defendants' knowledge and  
7 consent, routinely engage in such practices, so that such practices  
8 constitute the actual policies and practices, customs and usages of  
9 defendants.

10 22. All defendants are sued individually and in their  
11 official capacities. At all relevant times, defendants have acted  
12 under color of state law to deprive plaintiffs of their rights,  
13 privileges and immunities under the Constitution and laws of the  
14 United States.

15 CLASS ACTION

16 23. Named plaintiffs bring this action on behalf of  
17 themselves and all others similarly situated pursuant to Rule 23(a)  
18 and (b)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The class  
19 consists of all juveniles who are currently, who have been, or who  
20 will be confined in the three Florida training schools, Dozier,  
21 McPherson, and Okeechobee.

22 24. The members of the class are so numerous that joinder of  
23 all members is impracticable. At the present time, the Florida  
24 State training schools confine approximately 1,000 children.

25 25. Named plaintiffs and their counsel will fairly,  
26 vigorously and adequately protect the interests of the class.

1 claims of the named plaintiffs are typical of the claims of the  
2 plaintiff class. At least one of the named plaintiffs has been  
3 subjected to and suffered from each of the conditions, policies,  
4 practices, acts and omissions complained of in this action.  
5 Plaintiffs' counsel have substantial experience in this type of  
6 litigation and have represented children in similar cases in  
7 several states.

8 26. All plaintiffs are subject to the conditions and  
9 policies and practices of defendants described in this Complaint  
10 during their confinement at the training schools, so that there are  
11 questions of law and fact common to members of the plaintiff class.  
12 The questions of law and fact common to all members of the  
13 plaintiff class include whether the conditions, practices, acts and  
14 omissions complained of occur at defendants' institutions, and  
15 whether these conditions violate rights guaranteed to plaintiffs by  
16 the United States Constitution, federal law and Florida law.

17 27. By their policies and practices, defendants have acted,  
18 and continue to act on grounds and in a manner generally applicable  
19 to the class, thereby making appropriate final injunctive and  
20 corresponding declaratory relief with respect to the class as a  
21 whole.

## 22 GENERAL FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

### 23 Background and Placement

24 28. Defendants GRAHAM and PAGE operate three training  
25 schools in the State of Florida: Dozier in Marianna, Florida;  
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1 At Dozier and Okeechobee, defendants confine only boys; at  
2 McPherson they confine both boys and girls. Dozier and Okeechobee  
3 house boys from designated geographical catchment areas; McPherson  
4 houses boys from its designated catchment area, and younger,  
5 smaller boys and girls from all over the state. The Departments of  
6 Education and Health and Human Resources, and all three training  
7 schools, receive federal funds.

8 29. At these training schools, defendants confine boys and  
9 girls who have been adjudicated delinquent in Florida juvenile  
10 courts. Florida juvenile procedure does not afford children all of  
11 the due process protections afforded to adults in criminal court.

12 30. In opposition to stated HRS policy, defendants confine  
13 children as young as 10 years old, children who have committed only  
14 minor offenses, and children who have had no previous involvement  
15 with the juvenile court system in these institutions merely because  
16 appropriate placements are not available.

17 COUNT ONE - Defendants GRAHAM, PAGE, SMITH and STREIT  
18 Living Conditions, Food and Clothing

19 31. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege paragraphs 1 through 28  
20 if fully set forward herein, and further allege:

21 32. Living units at the training schools are called  
22 "cottages." Cottages contain one or more sleeping areas; lockers;  
23 one or more bathroom areas containing toilets, sinks and showers;  
24 and a large, open recreation area. At McPherson, cottages also  
25 contain a kitchen and dining area. Most cottages use open  
26 dormitories as sleeping areas.

1           33. The cottages are extremely overcrowded. At McPherson,  
2 rooms built to house 4 children now house 8, cottages built for 16  
3 children house 30. At Okeechobee, dormitories originally designed  
4 for 17 children house 40. In Dozier, school dormitories originally  
5 built for 20 children also house 40. At times children sleep on  
6 mattresses on the floor because defendants do not provide enough  
7 beds.

8           34. Because of the tension, lack of space and lack of  
9 supervision caused by overcrowding, physical and sexual assaults  
10 are common.

11           35. Because of overcrowding, defendants do not provide  
12 children with adequate space, equipment or supervision for  
13 recreation or leisure time activities.

14           36. Defendants deprive plaintiffs of all personal privacy in  
15 their living areas. Children are not allowed to personalize their  
16 living areas. The few personal belongings they are allowed to keep  
17 must be stored in small lockers or boxes. At Dozier and  
18 Okeechobee, defendants fail to provide doors or curtains on shower  
19 and toilet areas, leaving those areas completely exposed to open  
20 view.

21           37. Defendants maintain unhealthy and unsanitary conditions  
22 at all three institutions. Defendants do not adequately clean or  
23 maintain the buildings. Defendants maintain buildings which are  
24 structurally unsound and which present serious danger in the event  
25 of fire. Defendants force children to live in buildings that are  
26 improperly heated, cooled, ventilated, or lighted. These buildings

1 do not have screens and are often insect-infested.

2 38. Defendants do not adequately feed and clothe plaintiffs.

3 39. Defendants do not provide children with clean, untorn,  
4 appropriately-sized clothing.

5 40. Defendants do not provide meals which are adequate in  
6 quantity or quality to meet the nutritional needs of growing  
7 children or adolescents. Defendants prepare food under conditions  
8 that are unhealthful and unsanitary. At Okeechobee and Dozier,  
9 defendants do not provide children with anything to eat for the  
10 almost fourteen hours between supper (at approximately 5:00 p.m.)  
11 and breakfast (at approximately 7:00 a.m.).

12 41. By subjecting plaintiffs to overcrowding, inadequate food  
13 and clothing, and unhealthful and unsanitary living conditions,  
14 defendants GRAHAM, PAGE, SMITH and STREIT deprive plaintiffs of  
15 their right to due process of law guaranteed by the Fourteenth  
16 Amendment to the United States Constitution, of their right to be  
17 free from cruel and unusual punishment as guaranteed by the Eighth  
18 and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution, of  
19 their right to treatment guaranteed by the Eighth and Fourteenth  
20 Amendments to the United States Constitution, and of their right to  
21 placement in the least restrictive alternative that will effectuate  
22 the purpose of their confinement guaranteed by the due process  
23 clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States  
24 Constitution.

25 COUNT TWO - Defendants GRAHAM, PAGE, SMITH and STREIT

26 Living Conditions, Food and Clothing - Pendent State Claims

1           42. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege paragraphs 29 through 39  
2 as if fully set forward herein, and further allege:

3           43. By subjecting plaintiffs to overcrowding, inadequate  
4 food and clothing, and unhealthful and unsanitary living  
5 conditions, defendants GRAHAM, PAGE, SMITH and STREIT deprive  
6 plaintiffs of basic rights, the right to due process, and the right  
7 to be free from excessive punishment, guaranteed by Article One,  
8 §§2, 9 and 17 of the Florida Constitution, and of rights guaranteed  
9 by Fla. Stat. Chapters 39 and 959.

10 COUNT THREE - Defendants GRAHAM, PAGE, SMITH and STREIT

11 Lack of Security

12           44. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege paragraphs 1 through 41  
13 as if fully set forward herein, and further allege:

14           45. Defendants further jeopardize plaintiffs' health and  
15 safety by failing to provide adequate security in the  
16 institutions.

17           46. Defendants completely fail to supervise and train staff.  
18 As a result, children are victims of staff assaults. Defendants  
19 have taken little or no action to curtail staff brutality. When  
20 notified of abuses, defendants have failed to take action against  
21 staff members involved.

22           47. Defendants have failed to design or implement a  
23 classification system for residents at the schools. Defendants do  
24 not separate children who have committed serious or violent  
25 offenses from children who have committed only property crimes, or  
26 do not separate children with emotional disturbances from the res-

1 of the population.

2 48. Defendants also fail to adequately supervise children at  
3 the training schools.

4 49. Defendants' staff members encourage larger children to  
5 assault or restrain smaller children as a means of disciplining and  
6 controlling them. As a result, residents frequently assault each  
7 other.

8 50. Defendants fail to provide adequate staff coverage in  
9 any of the training schools. Defendants do not provide enough  
10 staff to adequately supervise or treat children confined in the  
11 training schools. As a result, defendants deny plaintiffs personal  
12 security and safety in the institutions.

13 51. Defendants employ staff members who are inadequately  
14 trained to perform childcare responsibilities. Defendants do not  
15 provide staff with the psychological, sociological or medical  
16 information necessary to care for and treat children in the  
17 training schools.

18 52. Defendants aggravate the atmosphere of fear and violence  
19 that prevails at these schools by using tracking dogs to hunt down  
20 children who attempt to escape from either Okeechobee or Dozier.  
21 Dog handlers terrorize and abuse children.

22 53. By their actions in failing to provide plaintiffs with  
23 adequate security, safety, and supervision, defendants GRAHAM,  
24 PAGE, SMITH AND STREIT deprive plaintiffs of their right to due  
25 process of law guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment to the United  
26 States Constitution, of their right to be free from cruel and

1 unusual punishment guaranteed by the Eighth and Fourteenth  
2 Amendments to the United States Constitution, of their right to  
3 treatment guaranteed by the Eighth and Fourteenth Amendments to the  
4 United States Constitution, and of their right to confinement in  
5 the least restrictive alternative that will effectuate the purposes  
6 of their confinement guaranteed by the due process clause of the  
7 Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

8 COUNT FOUR - Defendants GRAHAM, PAGE, SMITH AND STREIT

9 Lack of Security - Pendent State Claims

10 54. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege paragraphs 42 through 51  
11 as if fully set forward herein, and further allege:

12 55. By their actions in failing to provide plaintiffs with  
13 adequate security, safety, and supervision, defendants GRAHAM,  
14 PAGE, SMITH and STREIT deprive plaintiffs of basic rights, the  
15 right to due process, and the right to be free from excessive  
16 punishment guaranteed by Article One, §§2, 9 and 17 of the Florida  
17 Constitution, and of rights guaranteed by Fla. Stat. Chapters 79  
18 and 959.

19 COUNT FIVE - Defendants GRAHAM, PAGE, SMITH and STREIT

20 Medical Care

21 56. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege paragraphs 1 through 53  
22 as if fully set forward herein, and further allege:

23 57. The medical care defendants provide at all three  
24 institutions is grossly inadequate to maintain physical or mental  
25 health. Defendants' failure to provide adequate medical care  
26 amounts to deliberate indifference to the health and safety

1 requirements of children at these institutions.

2 58. Defendants fail to provide medical staffs at the  
3 institutions that are adequate to meet children's needs.  
4 Defendants fail to employ adequate numbers of physicians,  
5 psychiatrists, psychiatric aides, nurses, nurses' aides or  
6 dentists.

7 59. Defendants fail to provide adequate supplies in the  
8 medical areas of all three schools. Defendants fail to provide  
9 supplies necessary to maintain a healthy and sanitary environment,  
10 or equipment necessary to provide adequate medical, dental or  
11 psychiatric treatment.

12 60. Defendants have failed to design and implement an  
13 adequate procedure for preventing, treating and containing  
14 contagious diseases, including venereal diseases. Defendants fail  
15 to remove children with contagious diseases from the general  
16 population.

17 61. Defendants maintain infirmaries at the training schools  
18 in an unsanitary, unhygienic, and medically unsafe manner.  
19 Defendants maintain infirmaries that are insect-infested. They are  
20 often uncomfortably hot or cold. Defendants have required children  
21 to sleep on mattresses without sheets. Defendants fail to provide  
22 plaintiffs with pajamas or appropriate hospital attire in medical  
23 areas. Defendants do not permit children to shower or bathe every  
24 day while they are in the infirmary.

25 62. By failing to provide plaintiffs with adequate medical  
26 and psychiatric care and treatment, defendants GRAHAM, PAGE, SMITH

1 AND STREIT deprive plaintiffs of their right to due process of law  
2 guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States  
3 Constitution, of their right to be free from cruel and unusual  
4 punishment guaranteed by the Eighth and Fourteenth Amendments to  
5 the United States Constitution, of their right to treatment  
6 guaranteed by the Eighth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United  
7 States Constitution, and of their right to placement in the least  
8 restrictive alternative that will effectuate the purposes of their  
9 confinement, guaranteed by the due process clause of the Fourteenth  
10 Amendment.

11 COUNT SIX - Defendants GRAHAM, PAGE, SMITH and STREIT  
12 Medical Care to Handicapped Students

13 63. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege paragraphs 54 through 60  
14 as if fully set forward herein, and further allege:

15 64. By failing to provide adequate medical and psychiatric  
16 care and treatment to handicapped plaintiffs, defendants GRAHAM,  
17 PAGE, SMITH and STREIT discriminate against plaintiffs and punish  
18 them solely by reason of their handicap, violating rights  
19 guaranteed to them by §504 of the Rehabilitation Act, 29  
20 U.S.C. §794 and regulations promulgated thereunder.

21 COUNT SEVEN - Defendants GRAHAM, PAGE, SMITH and STREIT  
22 Medical Care - Pendent State Claims

23 65. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege paragraphs 54 through 62  
24 as if fully set forward herein, and further allege:

25 66. By failing to provide plaintiffs with adequate medical  
26 and psychiatric care and treatment, defendants GRAHAM, PAGE,

1 SMITH and STREIT deprive plaintiffs of basic rights, the right to  
2 due process, and the right to be free from excessive punishment  
3 guaranteed to them by Article One, §§2, 9 and 17 of the Florida  
4 Constitution, and of rights guaranteed by Fla. Stat. Chapters 39  
5 and 959, and §§402.22 and 230.23.

6 COUNT EIGHT - Defendants GRAHAM, PAGE, SMITH and STREIT

7 Psychological Counseling

8 67. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege paragraphs 1 through 64  
9 as if fully set forward herein, and further allege:

10 68. Defendants fail to provide plaintiffs with adequate  
11 psychological care and treatment.

12 69. Defendants fail to adequately assess children's  
13 psychological condition at or before the time of their admission to  
14 the training schools. As a result, defendants confine children  
15 with serious psychological illnesses, children who are mentally  
16 retarded, and children who are otherwise handicapped or  
17 developmentally disabled in training schools where they cannot  
18 adequately be treated.

19 70. Defendants fail to design and implement an adequate  
20 treatment plan for each child at the training schools. As a  
21 result, defendants fail to provide children with appropriate  
22 rehabilitation or treatment.

23 71. Defendants do not employ or make available a sufficient  
24 number of qualified psychologists or social workers to counsel and  
25 treat children.

26 72. Defendants delegate the responsibility for providing

1 plaintiffs with direct psychological treatment to persons who are  
2 inadequately trained and supervised. As a result, children do not  
3 receive psychological treatment.

4 73. By failing to provide plaintiffs with adequate  
5 psychological assessment, care and treatment, defendants GRAHAM,  
6 PAGE, SMITH and STREIT deprive plaintiffs of their right to due  
7 process of law guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment to the United  
8 States Constitution, of their right to be free from cruel and  
9 unusual punishment guaranteed by the Eighth and Fourteenth  
10 Amendments to the United States Constitution, of their right to  
11 treatment guaranteed by the Eighth and Fourteenth Amendments to the  
12 United States Constitution, and of their right to placement in the  
13 least restrictive alternative that will effectuate the purposes of  
14 their confinement, guaranteed by the due process clause of the  
15 Fourteenth Amendment.

16 COUNT NINE - Defendants GRAHAM, PAGE, SMITH and STREIT  
17 Psychological Counseling - Handicapped Children

18 74. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege paragraphs 65 through 71  
19 as if fully set forward herein, and further allege:

20 75. By failing to provide adequate psychological assessment  
21 care and treatment to handicapped plaintiffs, defendants GRAHAM,  
22 PAGE, SMITH and STREIT discriminate against plaintiffs and punish  
23 them solely by reason of their handicap, violating rights  
24 guaranteed to them by §504 of the Rehabilitation Act, 29  
25 U.S.C. §794 and regulations promulgated thereunder.

26 COUNT TEN - Defendants GRAHAM, PAGE and STREIT

1     Psychological Counseling - Pendent State Claims

2             76. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege paragraphs 65 through 73  
3 as if fully set forward herein, and further allege:

4             77. By failing to provide plaintiffs with adequate  
5 psychological assessment, care and treatment, defendants GRAHAM,  
6 PAGE, SMITH and STREIT deprive plaintiffs of basic rights, the  
7 right to due process, and the right to be free from excessive  
8 punishment guaranteed to them by Article One, §§2, 9 and 17 of the  
9 Florida Constitution, and of rights guaranteed to them by  
10 Fla. Stat. Chapters 39 and 959, and §§402.22 and 230.23

11     COUNT ELEVEN - Defendants GRAHAM, PAGE, SMITH and STREIT

12     Isolation

13             78. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege paragraph 1 through 73 as  
14 though fully set forward herein, and further allege:

15             79. Defendants operate "adjustment units" at all three  
16 training schools. They use these adjustment units for purposes of  
17 discipline and control.

18             80. At McPherson and Okeechobee, these units consist of  
19 several individual isolation cells. At Dozier, the adjustment  
20 unit contains 10 isolation cells and 3 open dormitory areas.  
21 Defendants use isolation at Dozier to further punish children who  
22 are confined in the adjustment unit.

23             81. The isolation cells are similar in all three  
24 institutions. Each cell contains a concrete platform, a sink, and  
25 an open toilet. Defendants put mattresses, pillows, and blankets  
26 in the cells at night, but, at Dozier and Okeechobee often remove

1     them as punishment.

2           82. Each isolation cell is separated from the corridor by a  
3     heavy locked metal door. This door has a small view window  
4     approximately 4-1/2 feet from the ground and a T-shaped slot  
5     approximately 2-1/2 feet from the ground. Children can communicate  
6     with the outside only through the T-shaped slot. This slot can  
7     only be closed or opened from the outside. Staff frequently close  
8     these slots, depriving children of any contact with the outside  
9     while they are in isolation.

10          83. The physical conditions in the isolation cells endanger  
11     children's health and safety. Cells are unventilated, poorly  
12     lighted and unsanitary. Children must eat their meals next to  
13     open, uncleaned toilet fixtures. Because they are locked,  
14     isolation cells pose a serious danger in case of fire, and  
15     defendants have completely failed to develop procedures for  
16     evacuating plaintiffs from these cells in case of fire.

17          84. Defendants confine depressed, agitated and emotionally  
18     disturbed children in isolation cells. Defendants make no effort  
19     to protect children against self-inflicted injuries. Isolation  
20     cells contain many sharp objects such as screens and vents and  
21     breakable porcelain toilet fixtures. All these objects can be, and  
22     are, used by children to injure themselves. Defendants fail to  
23     adequately monitor children in isolation to ensure that they do not  
24     injure themselves.

25          85. Defendants subject children to long periods of isolation  
26     in bare concrete walled cells. They do not provide children with

1 access to television, radio or reading materials. Communication  
2 with other children or staff is minimal. Children held under these  
3 conditions suffer severe sensory deprivation.

4 86. Defendants often confine children in isolation for 24  
5 hours a day. At Dozier and Okeechobee, defendants fail to provide  
6 any programming for children in isolation. At McPherson,  
7 defendants permit some children in isolation to leave their cells  
8 for a brief period to obtain their school assignments and for an  
9 hour a day of exercise. Defendants also fail to provide any  
10 programming for children in the open dormitory areas of the  
11 adjustment unit at Dozier School. Children in this unit can go  
12 outside or into a common area, but receive no recreational or  
13 educational materials for the duration of their stay in the  
14 adjustment unit.

15 87. Defendants' regulations permit children to be confined  
16 in security units for up to 21 days. In fact, children often  
17 remain in isolation units for longer periods of time.

18 88. Defendants confine children to adjustment units for  
19 minor incidents, including disrespect for staff members,  
20 altercations with other children, and refusal to promptly obey  
21 orders. Defendants confine children to adjustment units for  
22 behaviors caused by mental or emotional illnesses and other  
23 handicaps, instead of providing plaintiffs with treatment for these  
24 illnesses and handicaps.

25 89. By subjecting plaintiffs to the practices of isolation  
26 described above, defendants GRAHAM, PAGE, SMITH and STREIT deprive

1 plaintiffs of their right to due process of law guaranteed by the  
2 Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, of their  
3 right to be free from cruel and unusual punishment guaranteed by  
4 the Eighth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States  
5 Constitution, of their right to treatment guaranteed by the Eighth  
6 and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution, and of  
7 their right to placement in the least restrictive alternative that  
8 will effectuate the purposes of their confinement guaranteed by the  
9 due process clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States  
10 Constitution.

11 COUNT TWELVE - Defendants GRAHAM, PAGE, SMITH and STREIT

12 Isolation - Handicapped Plaintiffs

13 90. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege paragraphs 76 through 87  
14 as if fully set forward herein, and further allege:

15 91. By confining handicapped plaintiffs to isolation as  
16 described above, defendants GRAHAM, PAGE, SMITH and STREIT  
17 discriminate against them and punish them solely by reason of  
18 their handicap, thus violating rights guaranteed to them by §504 of  
19 the Rehabilitation Act, 29 U.S.C. §794 and regulations promulgated  
20 thereunder.

21 COUNT THIRTEEN - Defendants GRAHAM, PAGE, SMITH and STREIT

22 Isolation - Pendent State Claims

23 92. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege paragraphs 76 through 89  
24 as if fully set forward herein, and further allege:

25 93. By subjecting plaintiffs to the practices of isolation  
26 described above, defendants GRAHAM, PAGE, SMITH and STREIT deprive

1 plaintiffs of basic rights, of the right to due process, and of the  
2 right to be free from excessive punishment guaranteed to them by  
3 Article One, §§ 2, 9 and 17 of the Florida Constitution, and of  
4 rights guaranteed by Fla. Stat. Chapters 39 and 959.

5 COUNT FOURTEEN - Defendants GRAHAM, PAGE, TURLINGTON, SMITH and  
6 STREIT

7 Shackling

8 94. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege paragraphs 1 through 91  
9 as though fully set forward herein, and further allege:

10 95. Defendants use shackles in the adjustment units as a  
11 means of discipline and of controlling children's behavior.

12 96. Defendants use several methods of shackling. At Dozier  
13 and Okeechobee, defendants use a particularly harmful method called  
14 "hogtying." Defendants hogtie children by forcing them to lie on  
15 their stomachs, handcuffing their wrists behind their backs,  
16 shackling their legs together and connecting the handcuffs to the  
17 leg shackles.

18 97. At all three schools, defendants handcuff children,  
19 chain their hands to their waists, and use leg shackles.  
20 Defendants frequently use metal handcuffs and metal leg restraints  
21 to restrict children's movement. Use of these metal restraints has  
22 been shown to cause serious injury to developing children.

23 98. At Dozier School, educational staff also use shackles to  
24 restrain plaintiffs in the educational area.

25 99. Defendants' employees at all three schools have, on many  
26 occasions, beaten or kicked children while they were shackled or

1 hogtied.

2 100. Defendants leave children locked in isolation cells  
3 lying on concrete beds, sometimes without sheets or mattresses,  
4 hogtied or shackled, for extended periods of time.

5 101. Plaintiffs have suffered and continue to suffer serious  
6 physical and emotional damage as a result of extended isolation,  
7 shackling, hogtying, and beatings.

8 102. By subjecting plaintiffs to the practices of shackling  
9 described above, defendants GRAHAM, PAGE, TURLINGTON, SMITH and  
10 STREIT deprive plaintiffs of their right to due process of law  
11 guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States  
12 Constitution, of their right to be free from cruel and unusual  
13 punishment guaranteed by the Eighth and Fourteenth Amendments to  
14 the United States Constitution, of their right to treatment  
15 guaranteed by the Eighth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United  
16 States Constitution, and of their right to placement in the least  
17 restrictive alternative that will effectuate the purposes of their  
18 confinement guaranteed by the due process clause of the Fourteenth  
19 Amendment to the United States Constitution.

20 COUNT FIFTEEN - Defendants GRAHAM, PAGE, TURLINGTON, SMITH and

21 STREIT

22 Shackling Handicapped Plaintiffs

23 103. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege paragraphs 92 through 10  
24 as if fully set forward herein, and further allege:

25 104. By shackling handicapped plaintiffs as described above,  
26 defendants GRAHAM, PAGE, TURLINGTON, SMITH AND STREIT discriminate

1 against them and punish them solely by reason of their handicap,  
2 thus violating rights guaranteed to them by §504 of the  
3 Rehabilitation Act, 29 U.S.C. §794 and regulations promulgated  
4 thereunder.

5 COUNT SIXTEEN - Defendants GRAHAM, PAGE, TURLINGTON, SMITH and  
6 STREIT

7 Shackling - Pendent State Claims

8 105. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege paragraphs 92 through 101  
9 as if fully set forward herein, and further allege:

10 106. By subjecting plaintiffs to the practice of shackling  
11 described above, defendants GRAHAM, PAGE, TURLINGTON, SMITH and  
12 STREIT deprive plaintiffs of basic rights, the right to due  
13 process, and the right to be free from excessive punishment  
14 guaranteed to them by Article One, §§2, 9 and 17 of the Florida  
15 Constitution, and of rights guaranteed by Fla. Stat. Chapters 39  
16 and 959.

17 COUNT SEVENTEEN - Defendants GRAHAM, PAGE, TURLINGTON, SMITH and  
18 STREIT

19 Education and Programming

20 107. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege paragraphs 1 through 104  
21 as though fully set forward herein, and further allege:

22 108. Defendants fail to provide plaintiffs with an adequate  
23 education comparable to that available to plaintiffs in the  
24 community.

25 109. Defendants fail to provide bilingual education or  
26 services to children who are not fluent in English.

1           110. Defendants fail to provide adequate vocational  
2 education. The vocational education they do provide is inadequate  
3 to prepare children to obtain employment upon release.

4           111. Defendants fail to provide children with other forms of  
5 programming. They require children to spend prolonged periods of  
6 time without any programmed activity or recreational or therapeutic  
7 programming.

8           112. Defendants fail to provide rehabilitative treatment to  
9 plaintiffs.

10           113. The Florida Departments of Education and Health and  
11 Human Services, and each of the training schools, receive federal  
12 funds under, inter alia, Public Law 94-142, the Education for All  
13 Handicapped Children Act, 20 U.S.C. §§1401 et seq.

14           114. Defendants fail to provide special education and related  
15 services to handicapped children who were receiving such services  
16 prior to their incarceration. Defendants fail to adequately  
17 assess children to determine whether they have special needs and  
18 how such special needs can be met. Defendants fail to develop  
19 appropriate individualized education programs for children who need  
20 special education. Defendants fail to provide appropriate related  
21 services, including speech therapy, physical therapy and  
22 psychological services, to handicapped children who need such  
23 services to benefit from their education.

24           115. By failing to provide plaintiffs with adequate  
25 educational services described above, defendants GRAHAM, PAGE,  
26 TURLINGTON, SMITH and STREIT deprive plaintiffs of their right to

1 equal protection and due process of law guaranteed by the  
2 Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, of their  
3 right to be free from cruel and unusual punishment guaranteed by  
4 the Eighth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States  
5 Constitution, of their right to treatment guaranteed by the Eighth  
6 and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution, and of  
7 their right to placement in the least restrictive alternative that  
8 will effectuate the purposes of their confinement guaranteed by the  
9 due process clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States  
10 Constitution.

11 COUNT EIGHTEEN - Defendants GRAHAM, PAGE, TURLINGTON, SMITH  
12 and STREIT

13 Education and Programming - Discrimination Against Handicapped  
14 Students

15 116. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege paragraphs 105 through  
16 113 as if fully set forward herein, and further allege:

17 117. By failing to provide otherwise qualified handicapped  
18 plaintiffs with adequate educational services as described above,  
19 defendants GRAHAM, PAGE, TURLINGTON, SMITH and STREIT discriminate  
20 against them by reason of their handicap, thus violating rights  
21 guaranteed to them by §504 of the Rehabilitation Act, 29  
22 U.S.C. §794 and regulations promulgated thereunder.

23 COUNT NINETEEN - Defendants GRAHAM, PAGE, TURLINGTON, SMITH and  
24 STREIT

25 Educational Programming - Failure to Provide Special Education

26 118. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege paragraphs 105 through

1 115 as if fully set forward herein, and further allege:

2 119. Since defendants completely deprive all plaintiffs of  
3 special education and related services on a classwide basis,  
4 exhaustion of administrative remedies by plaintiffs would be  
5 futile.

6 120. By failing to provide handicapped plaintiffs with  
7 evaluation and special education and related services as described  
8 above, defendants GRAHAM, PAGE, TURLINGTON, SMITH and STREIT  
9 deprive them of rights guaranteed to them by the Education for All  
10 Handicapped Children Act, Public Law 94-142, 20 U.S.C. §§1401  
11 et seq., and regulations promulgated thereunder.

12 COUNT TWENTY - Defendants GRAHAM, PAGE, TURLINGTON, SMITH and  
13 STREIT

14 Education and Programming - Pendent State Claims

15 121. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege paragraphs 105 through  
16 118 as if fully set forward herein, and further allege:

17 122. By failing to provide plaintiffs with adequate  
18 educational services as described above, and by failing to provide  
19 handicapped plaintiffs with adequate educational services,  
20 defendants GRAHAM, PAGE, TURLINGTON, SMITH and STREIT deprive  
21 plaintiffs of basic rights, the right to due process, and the right  
22 to be free from excessive punishment guaranteed by Article One,  
23 §§2, 9 and 17 of the Florida Constitution, and by  
24 Fla. Stat. Chapters 39, 959, and §§402.22 and 230.23.

25 COUNT TWENTY-ONE - Defendants GRAHAM, PAGE, SMITH and STREIT  
26 Due Process

1           123. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege paragraphs 1 through 120  
2 as though fully set forward herein, and further allege:

3           124. Defendants deprive plaintiffs of constitutionally  
4 guaranteed due process in classification, disciplinary procedures,  
5 and transfer.

6           125. Defendants discipline plaintiffs arbitrarily and  
7 capriciously for minor misbehaviors and for behaviors that are  
8 symptoms of emotional or mental handicaps.

9           126. Defendants authorize staff members, regardless of  
10 training or qualifications, to order children into confinement in  
11 the adjustment unit. Children must remain in the adjustment unit a  
12 minimum of 24 hours before they have the opportunity for a hearing.

13           127. Defendants transfer children from one institution to  
14 another without affording them the opportunity for a hearing.  
15 These inter-institutional transfers are disciplinary in nature.  
16 Inter-institutional transfers punish children by further removing  
17 them from their families and home communities and by subjecting  
18 them to harsher, more restrictive conditions.

19           128. To the extent that defendants have developed a grievance  
20 procedure, they fail to inform children about the existence of this  
21 procedure or to explain to them how the procedure can be used.

22           129. By disciplining, classifying and transferring plaintiffs  
23 as described above, defendants GRAHAM, PAGE, SMITH and STREIT  
24 deprive plaintiffs of their right to due process of law guaranteed  
25 by the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

26           COUNT TWENTY-TWO - Defendants GRAHAM, PAGE, SMITH and STREIT

1     Due Process - Pendent State Claims

2             130. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege paragraphs 121 through  
3     127 as if fully set forward herein, and further allege:

4             131. By disciplining, classifying and transferring plaintiffs  
5     in the manner described above, defendants GRAHAM, PAGE, SMITH and  
6     STREIT deprive plaintiffs of their right to due process of law  
7     guaranteed by Article One, §9 of the Florida Constitution, and of  
8     rights guaranteed by Fla. Stat. §959.10.

9     COUNT TWENTY-THREE - Defendants GRAHAM, PAGE, SMITH and STREIT  
10    Freedom of Speech and Association

11            132. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege paragraphs 1 through 129  
12    as though fully set forward herein, and further allege:

13            133. Defendants interfere with non-English speaking  
14    plaintiffs' ability to communicate by prohibiting them from  
15    speaking any language other than English.

16            134. Defendants, by their mail, telephone and visitation  
17    policies, deprive plaintiffs of their right to communicate and  
18    associate with their families and friends outside of the training  
19    schools by interfering with and restricting mail and telephone  
20    communications. This communication is necessary to children's  
21    treatment and rehabilitation and to assist their reintegration into  
22    the community.

23            135. Defendants open all mail other than attorney-client mail  
24    that comes to children in the institutions. Defendants open this  
25    mail outside of the presence of the child to whom the mail is  
26    addressed. Defendants also prohibit children from sending sealed

1 letters to persons outside the institution. These practices permit  
2 staff members to read children's mail.

3 136. Defendants improperly restrict children from  
4 communicating by telephone with their parents, relatives or  
5 friends. These restrictions work a particularly severe hardship on  
6 children whose parents live at great distances from the schools and  
7 are unable to visit them.

8 137. Defendants severely restrict children's opportunities  
9 for visitation with family and friends. Defendants unreasonably  
10 limit the number of visitors a child may have and the hours during  
11 which visits may occur.

12 138. Defendants transfer children from detention centers or  
13 community-based programs to training schools, and from one training  
14 school to another, without adequately informing children's parents  
15 or relatives. As a result, some parents do not know where their  
16 children are for several months after such a transfer.

17 139. By restricting plaintiffs' communication with persons  
18 outside the training schools in the manner described above,  
19 defendants GRAHAM, PAGE, SMITH and STREIT deprive plaintiffs of  
20 their right to freedom of speech and association guaranteed by the  
21 First and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution.  
22 COUNT TWENTY-FOUR - Defendants GRAHAM, PAGE, SMITH and STREIT  
23 Freedom of Speech and Association - Pendent State Claims

24 140. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege paragraphs 130 through  
25 137 as if fully set forward herein, and further allege:

26 141. By restricting plaintiffs' communication with persons

1 outside the training schools in the manner described above,  
2 defendants GRAHAM, PAGE, SMITH and STREIT deprive plaintiffs of  
3 basic rights, the right to freedom of speech, the right to due  
4 process, and the right to freedom from unreasonable interception of  
5 private communications guaranteed by Article One, §§ 2, 4, 9 and 12  
6 of the Florida Constitution, and of rights guaranteed by  
7 Fla. Stat. Chapters 39 and 959.

8 COUNT TWENTY-FIVE - Defendants GRAHAM, PAGE, SMITH and STREIT  
9 Access to Courts

10 142. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege paragraphs 1 through 139  
11 as though fully set forward herein, and further allege:

12 143. Defendants deprive plaintiffs of adequate access to the  
13 courts. Defendants fail to inform children that they may make  
14 telephone calls to or receive telephone calls from counsel.

15 144. Defendants fail to provide children with either legal  
16 materials or access to counsel who can assist them with their legal  
17 problems. Defendants also fail to provide children with any  
18 instruction or assistance in protecting their rights through the  
19 legal system.

20 145. By failing to provide plaintiffs with access to the  
21 courts as described above, defendants GRAHAM, PAGE, SMITH and  
22 STREIT deprive plaintiffs of their right to counsel and access to  
23 the courts guaranteed by the First and Sixth Amendments and by the  
24 due process clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States  
25 Constitution.

26 COUNT TWENTY-SIX - Defendants GRAHAM, PAGE, SMITH and STREIT

1     Access to Courts - Pendent State Claims

2           146. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege paragraphs 140 through  
3     143 as if fully set forward herein, and further allege:

4           147. By failing to provide plaintiffs with access to courts  
5     as described above, defendants GRAHAM, PAGE, SMITH and STREIT  
6     violate basic rights, the right to freedom of speech and of the  
7     press, the right to due process, and the right to access to the  
8     courts guaranteed by Article One, §§2, 4, 9 and 21 of the Florida  
9     Constitution, and rights guaranteed by Fla. Stat. Chapters 39 and  
10    959.

11                     NO ADEQUATE REMEDY AT LAW

12           148. As a proximate result of defendants' policies,  
13    practices, procedures, acts and omissions, plaintiffs have  
14    suffered, do suffer and will continue to suffer immediate and  
15    irreparable injury, including physical, psychological and emotional  
16    injury. Their intellectual abilities, their emotional health and  
17    well-being and their ability to function adequately in the  
18    community have seriously deteriorated and will continue to  
19    deteriorate during the course of their confinement at institutions  
20    operated by defendants. Plaintiffs have no plain, adequate or  
21    complete remedy at law to redress the wrongs described in this  
22    complaint. Plaintiffs will continue to be irreparably injured by  
23    the policies, practices, procedures, acts and omissions of  
24    defendants unless this Court grants the injunctive relief that  
25    plaintiffs seek.

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1 adequate numbers to insure plaintiffs' safety and provide them with  
2 treatment;

3 (e) Failing to provide plaintiffs with adequate medical,  
4 dental and psychiatric care;

5 (f) Confining plaintiffs in security units, and, in  
6 particular, in isolation units, or otherwise subjecting plaintiffs  
7 to sensory deprivation;

8 (g) Shackling plaintiffs;

9 (h) Hogtying plaintiffs;

10 (i) Failing to provide plaintiffs with adequate  
11 education, including special education and related services;

12 (j) Failing to provide plaintiffs with adequate  
13 programming;

14 (k) Failing to provide plaintiffs with adequate  
15 treatment;

16 (l) Failing to adequately screen plaintiffs to insure  
17 that plaintiffs with serious emotional or psychological  
18 disabilities are not confined in training schools;

19 (m) Failing to provide plaintiffs with due process  
20 protections prior to imposing discipline, including but not limited  
21 to, discipline that results in transfers from one institution to  
22 another;

23 (n) Prohibiting plaintiffs from speaking languages other  
24 than English;

25 (o) Opening plaintiffs' mail outside of the presence of  
26 the addressee;

1 (p) Failing to permit plaintiffs to send uncensored,  
2 unread and unopened mail to friends and relatives;

3 (q) Failing to provide plaintiffs with reasonable  
4 opportunities to telephone and visit parents, friends and  
5 relatives;

6 (r) Failing to provide plaintiffs with adequate access  
7 to courts; and

8 (s) Failing to confine plaintiffs in the least  
9 restrictive alternative consistent with their need for  
10 rehabilitation and treatment.

11 5. Direct defendants to develop and submit to this Court a  
12 plan, that will insure that plaintiffs are not subject to  
13 conditions of confinement that deprive them of rights guaranteed to  
14 them by the federal Constitution, federal statutes, and by the  
15 Florida Constitution or Florida statutes, and that will insure that  
16 no juvenile is placed in a training school in Florida unless that  
17 training school is a least restrictive alternative consistent with  
18 his or her individual needs.

19 6. Retain jurisdiction over this matter until implementation  
20 of this Court's decree has been completed.

21 7. Award to plaintiffs reasonable attorneys' fees and costs  
22 of this action, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §1988 and 29 U.S.C.  
23 §794a(2)(6).

1           8. Award such other and further relief as this Court may  
2 deem necessary.

3 DATED: June 2, 1986  
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