

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2021 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Criminal Justice

SB 274 — Juvenile Diversion Program Expunction

by Senators Perry, Taddeo, Gruters, and Farmer

The bill amends s. 943.0582, F.S., to permit a juvenile who completed a diversion program for any offense, including felony offenses, to apply to have the nonjudicial arrest record expunged. This expands the current law, which only permits juvenile diversion expunction for a misdemeanor offense.

Additionally, the bill amends s. 985.126, F.S., to permit a juvenile who completes a diversion program for any offense, including a felony or subsequent offense, to lawfully deny or fail to acknowledge his or her participation in the program and the expunction of the nonjudicial arrest record. This expands the current law, which only permits a juvenile who completes diversion for a first-time misdemeanor offense to lawfully deny or fail to acknowledge his or her participation in the program and the expunction.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2021.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 117-0