

Committee on Criminal Justice

CS/HB 195 — Juvenile Diversion Program Expunction

by Criminal Justice and Public Safety Subcommittee and Rep. Smith, D. and others (CS/SB 342 by Criminal Justice Committee and Senators Perry and Taddeo)

The bill amends s. 943.0582, F.S., to permit a juvenile who completed a diversion program for misdemeanor and felony offenses, other than a forcible felony or a felony involving the manufacture, sale, purchase, transport, possession, or use of a firearm or weapon, 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 and who has been granted an expunction under s. 943.0582, F.S., to lawfully deny or fail to acknowledge his or her participation in the program and such 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, 2022.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 115-0