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Amendment No. $\underline{1}$

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11	The Committee on Fiscal Policy recommended the following
12	amendment:
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14	Senate Amendment (with title amendment)
15	On page 7, between lines 18 and 19,
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17	insert:
18	Section 2. Paragraph (e) of subsection (46) of section
19	985.03, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended to read:
20	985.03 DefinitionsWhen used in this chapter, the
21	term:
22	(46) "Restrictiveness level" means the level of
23	custody provided by programs that service the custody and care
24	needs of committed children. There shall be five
25	restrictiveness levels:
26	(e) <u>Juvenile correctional facilities or juvenile</u>
27	prison Maximum-risk residentialYouth assessed and
28	classified for this level of placement require close
29	supervision in a maximum security residential setting that
30	provides 24-hour-per-day secure custody, care, and
31	supervision. Placement in a program in this level is prompted
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by a demonstrated need to protect the public. Programs or program models in this level are maximum-secure-custody, long-term residential commitment facilities that are intended to provide a moderate overlay of educational, vocational, and behavioral-modification services and other maximum-security program models authorized by the Legislature and established by rule. Section 985.3141 applies to children placed in programs in this restrictiveness level.

Section 3. Paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section 985.201, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

985.201 Jurisdiction.--

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(c) The court may retain jurisdiction over a child and the child's parent or legal guardian whom the court has ordered to pay restitution until the restitution order is satisfied or until the court orders otherwise. If the court retains such jurisdiction after the date upon which the court's jurisdiction would cease under this section, it shall do so solely for the purpose of enforcing the restitution order. The terms of the restitution order are subject to the provisions of s. 775.089(5) s. 775.089(6).

Section 4. Subsection (4) of section 985.21, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended to read:

985.21 Intake and case management. --

(4) The juvenile probation officer shall make a preliminary determination as to whether the report, affidavit, or complaint is complete, consulting with the state attorney as may be necessary. In any case where the juvenile probation officer or the state attorney finds that the report, affidavit, or complaint is insufficient by the standards for a 31 probable cause affidavit, the juvenile probation officer or

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29 30 state attorney shall return the report, affidavit, or complaint, without delay, to the person or agency originating the report, affidavit, or complaint or having knowledge of the facts or to the appropriate law enforcement agency having investigative jurisdiction of the offense, and shall request, and the person or agency shall promptly furnish, additional information in order to comply with the standards for a probable cause affidavit.

(a) The juvenile probation officer, upon determining that the report, affidavit, or complaint is complete, may, in the case of a child who is alleged to have committed a delinquent act or violation of law, recommend that the state attorney file a petition of delinquency or an information or seek an indictment by the grand jury. However, such a recommendation is not a prerequisite for any action taken by the state attorney.

(a) (b) The juvenile probation officer, upon determining that the report, affidavit, or complaint is complete, pursuant to uniform procedures established by the department, shall:

- When indicated by the preliminary screening, provide for a comprehensive assessment of the child and family for substance abuse problems, using community-based licensed programs with clinical expertise and experience in the assessment of substance abuse problems.
- When indicated by the preliminary screening, provide for a comprehensive assessment of the child and family for mental health problems, using community-based psychologists, psychiatrists, or other licensed mental health professionals with clinical expertise and experience in the 31 assessment of mental health problems.

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When indicated by the comprehensive assessment, the department is authorized to contract within appropriated funds for services with a local nonprofit community mental health or substance abuse agency licensed or authorized under chapter 394, or chapter 397, or other authorized nonprofit social service agency providing related services. The determination of mental health or substance abuse services shall be conducted in coordination with existing programs providing mental health or substance abuse services in conjunction with the intake office. Client information resulting from the screening and evaluation shall be documented pursuant to rules established by the department and shall serve to assist the juvenile probation officer in providing the most appropriate services and recommendations in the least intrusive manner. Such client information shall be used in the multidisciplinary assessment and classification of the child, but such information, and any information obtained directly or indirectly through the assessment process, is inadmissible in court prior to the disposition hearing, unless the child's written consent is obtained. At the disposition hearing, documented client information shall serve to assist the court in making the most appropriate custody, adjudicatory, and dispositional decision. If the screening and assessment indicate that the interest of the child and the public will be best served thereby, the juvenile probation officer, with the approval of the state attorney, may refer the child for care, diagnostic and evaluation services, substance abuse treatment services, mental health services, retardation services, a diversionary or arbitration or mediation program, community 31 | service work, or other programs or treatment services

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29 30 voluntarily accepted by the child and the child's parents or legal guardians. The victim, if any, and the law enforcement agency which investigated the offense shall be notified immediately by the state attorney of the action taken under this paragraph. Whenever a child volunteers to participate in any work program under this chapter or volunteers to work in a specified state, county, municipal, or community service organization supervised work program or to work for the victim, the child shall be considered an employee of the state for the purposes of liability. In determining the child's average weekly wage, unless otherwise determined by a specific funding program, all remuneration received from the employer is considered a gratuity, and the child is not entitled to any benefits otherwise payable under s. 440.15, regardless of whether the child may be receiving wages and remuneration from other employment with another employer and regardless of the child's future wage-earning capacity.

(b)(c) The juvenile probation officer, upon determining that the report, affidavit, or complaint complies with the standards of a probable cause affidavit and that the interest of the child and the public will be best served, may recommend that a delinquency petition not be filed. If such a recommendation is made, the juvenile probation officer shall advise in writing the person or agency making the report, affidavit, or complaint, the victim, if any, and the law enforcement agency having investigative jurisdiction of the offense of the recommendation and the reasons therefor; and that the person or agency may submit, within 10 days after the receipt of such notice, the report, affidavit, or complaint to the state attorney for special review. The state attorney, 31 upon receiving a request for special review, shall consider

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29 30 the facts presented by the report, affidavit, or complaint, and by the juvenile probation officer who made the recommendation that no petition be filed, before making a final decision as to whether a petition or information should or should not be filed.

(c)(d) Subject to the interagency agreement authorized under this paragraph, the juvenile probation officer for each case in which a child is alleged to have committed a violation of law or delinquent act and is not detained In all cases in which the child is alleged to have committed a violation of law or delinquent act and is not detained, the juvenile probation officer shall submit a written report to the state attorney, including the original report, complaint, or affidavit, or a copy thereof, including a copy of the child's prior juvenile record, within 20 days after the date the child is taken into custody. In cases in which the child is in detention, the intake office report must be submitted within 24 hours after the child is placed into detention. The intake office report may include a recommendation must recommend either that a petition or information be filed or that no petition or information be filed, and may must set forth reasons for the recommendation. The State Attorney and the Department of Juvenile Justice may, on a district-by-district basis, enter into interagency agreements denoting the cases that will require a recommendation and those for which a recommendation is unnecessary.

(d) (e) The state attorney may in all cases take action independent of the action or lack of action of the juvenile probation officer, and shall determine the action which is in the best interest of the public and the child. If the child 31 | meets the criteria requiring prosecution as an adult pursuant

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29 30 to s. 985.226, the state attorney shall request the court to transfer and certify the child for prosecution as an adult or shall provide written reasons to the court for not making such request. In all other cases, the state attorney may:

- File a petition for dependency;
- File a petition pursuant to chapter 984;
- 3. File a petition for delinquency;
- File a petition for delinquency with a motion to transfer and certify the child for prosecution as an adult;
 - 5. File an information pursuant to s. 985.227;
 - 6. Refer the case to a grand jury;
- 7. Refer the child to a diversionary, pretrial intervention, arbitration, or mediation program, or to some other treatment or care program if such program commitment is voluntarily accepted by the child or the child's parents or legal guardians; or
 - 8. Decline to file.

(e)(f) In cases in which a delinquency report, affidavit, or complaint is filed by a law enforcement agency and the state attorney determines not to file a petition, the state attorney shall advise the clerk of the circuit court in writing that no petition will be filed thereon.

Section 5. Subsection (4) of section 985.225, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

985.225 Indictment of a juvenile.--

(4)(a) Once a child has been indicted pursuant to this subsection and has been found to have committed any offense for which he or she was indicted as a part of the criminal episode, the child shall be handled thereafter in every respect as if an adult for any subsequent violation of state 31 law, unless the court imposes juvenile sanctions under s.

985.233.

(b) When a child has been indicted pursuant to this subsection the court shall immediately transfer and certify to the adult circuit court all felony cases pertaining to the child, for prosecution of the child as an adult, which have not yet resulted in a plea of guilty or nolo contendere or in which a finding of guilt has not been made. If the child is acquitted of all charged offenses or lesser included offenses contained in the indictment case, all felony cases that were transferred to adult court pursuant to this paragraph shall be subject to the same penalties such cases were subject to before being transferred to adult court.

Section 6. <u>Subsection (6) of section 985.218, Florida</u>

Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is repealed.

Section 7. Subsections (2) and (4) of section 985.226, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, are amended to read:

985.226 Criteria for waiver of juvenile court jurisdiction; hearing on motion to transfer for prosecution as an adult.--

- (2) INVOLUNTARY WAIVER.--
- (a) Discretionary involuntary waiver.--Except as provided in paragraph (b), the state attorney may file a motion requesting the court to transfer the child for criminal prosecution if the child was 14 years of age or older at the time the alleged delinquent act or violation of law was committed.

(b) Mandatory waiver.--

1. If the child was 14 years of age or older, and if the child has been previously adjudicated delinquent for an act classified as a felony, which adjudication was for the commission of, attempt to commit, or conspiracy to commit

murder, sexual battery, armed or strong-armed robbery, carjacking, home-invasion robbery, aggravated battery, or aggravated assault, or burglary with an assault or battery, and the child is currently charged with a second or subsequent violent crime against a person; or, the state attorney shall file a motion requesting the court to transfer and certify the juvenile for prosecution as an adult, or proceed pursuant to s.985.227(1).

2.(b) Mandatory involuntary waiver.--If the child was 14 years of age or older at the time of commission of a fourth or subsequent alleged felony offense and the child was previously adjudicated delinquent or had adjudication withheld for or was found to have committed, or to have attempted or conspired to commit, three offenses that are felony offenses if committed by an adult, and one or more of such felony offenses involved the use or possession of a firearm or violence against a person; -

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the state attorney shall request the court to transfer and certify the child for prosecution as an adult or shall provide written reasons to the court for not making such request, or proceed pursuant to s. 985.227(1). Upon the state attorney's request, the court shall either enter an order transferring the case and certifying the case for trial as if the child were an adult or provide written reasons for not issuing such an order.

- (4) EFFECT OF ORDER WAIVING JURISDICTION. --
- (a) If the court finds, after a waiver hearing under subsection (3), that a juvenile who was 14 years of age or older at the time the alleged violation of state law was 31 committed should be charged and tried as an adult, the court

shall enter an order transferring the case and certifying the case for trial as if the child were an adult. The child shall thereafter be subject to prosecution, trial, and sentencing as if the child were an adult but subject to the provisions of s. 985.233. Once a child has been transferred for criminal prosecution pursuant to an involuntary waiver hearing and has been found to have committed the presenting offense or a lesser included offense, the child shall thereafter be handled in every respect as an adult for any subsequent violation of state law, unless the court imposes juvenile sanctions under s. 985.233.

(b) When a child is transferred for criminal prosecution as an adult, the court shall immediately transfer and certify to the adult circuit court all felony cases pertaining to the child, for prosecution of the child as an adult, which have not yet resulted in a plea of guilty or nolo contendere or in which a finding of guilt has not been made. If the child is acquitted of all charged offenses or lesser included offenses contained in the original case transferred to adult court, all felony cases that were transferred to adult court pursuant to this paragraph shall be subject to the same penalties such cases were subject to before being transferred to adult court.

Section 8. Subsections (1), (2), (3), and (4) of section 985.227, Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (5) is added to that section, to read:

985.227 Prosecution of juveniles as adults by the direct filing of an information in the criminal division of the circuit court; discretionary criteria; mandatory criteria.--

(1) DISCRETIONARY DIRECT FILE; CRITERIA. --

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(a) With respect to any child who was 14 or 15 years
of age at the time the alleged offense was committed, the
state attorney may file an information when in the state
attorney's judgment and discretion the public interest
requires that adult sanctions be considered or imposed and
when the offense charged is for the commission of, attempt to
<pre>commit, or conspiracy to commit:</pre>
1. Arson;
2. Sexual battery;
3. Robbery;
4. Kidnapping;
5. Aggravated child abuse;
6. Aggravated assault;
7. Aggravated stalking;
8. Murder;
9. Manslaughter;
10. Unlawful throwing, placing, or discharging of a
destructive device or bomb;
11. Armed burglary in violation of s. 810.02(2)(b) or
specified burglary of a dwelling or structure in violation of
s. 810.02(2)(c), or burglary with an assault or battery in
violation of s. 810.02(2)(a);
12. Aggravated battery;
13. Lewd or lascivious assault or act in the presence
of a child;
14. Carrying, displaying, using, threatening, or
attempting to use a weapon or firearm during the commission of
a felony; or
15. Grand theft in violation of s. $812.014(2)(a)$:
16. Home invasion robbery; or

17. Carjacking.

- (b) With respect to any child who was 16 or 17 years of age at the time the alleged offense was committed, the state attorney may file an information when in the state attorney's judgment and discretion the public interest requires that adult sanctions be considered or imposed. However, the state attorney may not file an information on a child charged with a misdemeanor, unless the child has had at least two previous adjudications or adjudications withheld for delinquent acts, one of which involved an offense classified as a felony under state law.
 - (2) MANDATORY DIRECT FILE. --
- (a) With respect to any child who was 16 or 17 years of age at the time the alleged offense was committed, the state attorney shall file an information if the child has been previously adjudicated delinquent for an act classified as a felony, which adjudication was for the commission of, attempt to commit, or conspiracy to commit murder, sexual battery, armed or strong-armed robbery, carjacking, home-invasion robbery, aggravated battery, or aggravated assault, and the child is currently charged with a second or subsequent violent crime against a person.
- (b) Notwithstanding subsection (1), regardless of the child's age at the time the alleged offense was committed, the state attorney must file an information with respect to any child who previously has been adjudicated for offenses which, if committed by an adult, would be felonies and such adjudications occurred at three or more separate delinquency adjudicatory hearings, and three of which resulted in residential commitments as defined in s. 985.03(45).
- 30 (c) The state attorney must file an information if a 31 child, regardless of the child's age at the time the alleged

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offense was committed, is alleged to have committed an act that would be a violation of law if the child were an adult, that involves stealing a motor vehicle, including, but not limited to, a violation of s. 812.133, relating to carjacking, or s. 812.014(2)(c)6., relating to grand theft of a motor vehicle, and while the child was in possession of the stolen motor vehicle the child caused serious bodily injury to or the death of a person who was not involved in the underlying offense. For purposes of this section, the driver and all willing passengers in the stolen motor vehicle at the time such serious bodily injury or death is inflicted shall also be subject to mandatory transfer to adult court. "Stolen motor vehicle, " for the purposes of this section, means a motor vehicle that has been the subject of any criminal wrongful taking. For purposes of this section, "willing passengers" means all willing passengers who have participated in the underlying offense.

- (3) EFFECT OF DIRECT FILE. --
- (a) Once a child has been transferred for criminal prosecution pursuant to <u>an</u> information and has been found to have committed the presenting offense or a lesser included offense, the child shall be handled thereafter in every respect as if an adult for any subsequent violation of state law, unless the court imposes juvenile sanctions under s. 985.233.
- (b) When a child is transferred for criminal prosecution as an adult, the court shall immediately transfer and certify to the <u>adult circuit</u> appropriate court all <u>felony</u> preadjudicatory cases pertaining to the child, for prosecution of the child as an adult, which have not yet resulted in a plea of guilty or nolo contendere or in which a finding of

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guilt has not been made. If a child is acquitted of all charged offenses or lesser included offenses contained in the original case transferred to adult court, all felony cases that were transferred to adult court as a result of this paragraph shall be subject to the same penalties to which such cases would have been subject before being transferred to adult court that pertain to that child which are pending in juvenile court, including, but not limited to, all cases involving offenses that occur or are referred between the date of transfer and sentencing in adult court and all outstanding juvenile disposition orders. The juvenile court shall make every effort to dispose of all predispositional cases and transfer those cases to the adult court prior to adult sentencing. It is the intent of the Legislature to require all cases occurring prior to the sentencing hearing in adult court to be handled by the adult court for final resolution with the original transfer case.

- (c) When a child has been transferred for criminal prosecution as an adult and has been found to have committed a violation of state law, the disposition of the case may be made under s. 985.233 and may include the enforcement of any restitution ordered in any juvenile proceeding.
- (4) DIRECT-FILE POLICIES AND GUIDELINES.--Each state attorney shall develop and annually update written policies and guidelines to govern determinations for filing an information on a juvenile, to be submitted to the Executive Office of the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Juvenile Justice Advisory Board not later than January 1 of each year.
- (5) An information filed pursuant to this section may include all charges that are based on the same act, criminal

episode, or transaction as the primary offenses. 1 Section 9. Subsection (7) is added to section 985.228, 2 3 Florida Statutes, to read: 4 985.228 Adjudicatory hearings; withheld adjudications; 5 orders of adjudication .--6 (7) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an 7 adjudication of delinquency for an offense classified as a felony shall disqualify a person from lawfully possessing a 8 firearm until such person reaches 24 years of age. 9 10 Section 10. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 790.23, 11 Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, are amended to read: 12 790.23 Felons and delinquents; possession of firearms 13 or electric weapons or devices unlawful. --14 (1) It is unlawful for any person to own or to have in 15 his or her care, custody, possession, or control any firearm 16 or electric weapon or device, or to carry a concealed weapon, 17 including a tear gas gun or chemical weapon or device, if that 18 person has been: 19 (a) Convicted of a felony or found to have committed a 20 delinquent act that would be a felony if committed by an adult 21 in the courts of this state; 22 (b) Found, in the courts of this state, to have 23 committed a delinquent act that would be a felony if committed 24 by an adult and such person is under 24 years of age. 25 (c)(b) Convicted of or found to have committed a crime 26 against the United States which is designated as a felony; 27 (d)(c) Found to have committed a delinquent act in 28 another state, territory, or country that would be a felony if

committed by an adult and which was punishable by imprisonment

for a term exceeding 1 year and such person is under 24 years

of age; or

- $\underline{\text{(e)}(d)}$ Found guilty of an offense that is a felony in another state, territory, or country and which was punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding 1 year.
- (2) This section shall not apply to a person convicted of a felony whose civil rights and firearm authority have been restored, or to a person found to have committed a delinquent act that would be a felony if committed by an adult with respect to which the jurisdiction of the court pursuant to chapter 985 has expired.

Section 11. Section 985.313, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

prison Maximum-risk residential program.——A juvenile correctional facility or juvenile prison maximum-risk residential program.——A juvenile correctional facility or juvenile prison maximum-risk residential program is a physically secure residential commitment program with a designated length of stay from 18 months to 36 months, primarily serving children 13 years of age to 19 years of age, or until the jurisdiction of the court expires. The court may retain jurisdiction over the child until the child reaches the age of 21, specifically for the purpose of the child completing the program. Each child committed to this level must meet one of the following criteria:

- (1) The youth is at least 13 years of age at the time of the disposition for the current offense and has been adjudicated on the current offense for:
 - (a) Arson;
 - (b) Sexual battery;
 - (c) Robbery;
 - (d) Kidnapping;
 - (e) Aggravated child abuse;

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1	(f) Aggravated assault;
2	(g) Aggravated stalking;
3	(h) Murder;
4	(i) Manslaughter;
5	(j) Unlawful throwing, placing, or discharging of a
6	destructive device or bomb;
7	(k) Armed burglary;
8	(1) Aggravated battery;
9	(m) Carjacking;
10	(n) Home-invasion robbery;
11	(o) Burglary with an assault or battery;
12	(p) (m) Lewd or lascivious assault or act in the
13	presence of a child; or
14	$\frac{(q)}{(n)}$ Carrying, displaying, using, threatening to
15	use, or attempting to use a weapon or firearm during the
16	commission of a felony.
17	(2) The youth is at least 13 years of age at the time
18	of the disposition, the current offense is a felony, and the
19	child has previously been committed three or more times to a
20	delinquency commitment program.
21	(3) The youth is at least 13 years of age and is
22	currently committed for a felony offense and transferred from
23	a moderate-risk or high-risk residential commitment placement.
24	(4) The youth is at least 13 years of age at the time
25	of the disposition for the current offense, the youth is
26	eligible for prosecution as an adult for the current offense,
27	and the current offense is ranked at level 7 or higher on the
28	Criminal Punishment Code offense severity ranking chart
29	pursuant to s. 921.0022.
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31	(Redesignate subsequent sections.)

======= T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ========= 1 2 And the title is amended as follows: 3 On page 1, line 13, after the semicolon, 4 5 insert: 6 amending s. 985.03, F.S.; redesignating 7 "maximum-risk" residential facilities as "juvenile correctional facilities" or "juvenile 8 9 prisons"; amending s. 985.201, F.S.; conforming 10 a cross-reference for purposes of application to terms of certain restitution orders; 11 12 amending s. 985.21, F.S.; deleting an authorization for a juvenile probation officer 13 14 to make certain recommendations to the state 15 attorney; clarifying certain contents of intake 16 reports; authorizing the State Attorney and 17 Department of Juvenile Justice to enter into certain interagency agreements for certain 18 purposes; amending s. 985.225, F.S.; requiring 19 20 transfer of certain felony cases relating to 21 children to adult court for prosecution as an adult; repealing s. 985.218(6), F.S., relating 22 to adjudicatory hearings for children 23 24 committing delinquent acts or violations of 25 law; amending s. 985.226, F.S., relating to 26 criteria for discretionary waiver and mandatory 27 waiver of juvenile court jurisdiction; revising 28 the list of specified offenses to include certain additional offenses; amending s. 29 30 985.227, F.S., relating to discretionary

direct-file criteria and mandatory direct-file

criteria; permitting the filing of an information when a child was 14 or 15 years of age at the time the child attempted to commit or conspired to commit any one of specified offenses; revising duties of the court and guidelines for transfer of cases pertaining to the child when a child is transferred for adult prosecution; removing the requirement for annual updating by the state attorney of direct-file policies and guidelines; providing that the information filed pursuant to specified provisions may include all charges that are based on the same act, criminal episode, or transaction as the primary offense; amending s. 985.228, F.S.; specifying disqualification for possessing a firearm until a certain age for persons adjudicated delinquent for certain felony offenses; amending s. 790.23, F.S.; providing a prohibition against possession of firearms or weapons by certain persons who were found to have committed delinquent acts classified as felonies; amending s. 985.313, F.S.; redesignating "maximum-risk" residential programs as "juvenile correctional facilities" or "juvenile prisons"; providing that a juvenile may be committed to such a facility if adjudicated on certain additional offenses;