

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to youthful offenders; amending  
3           s. 944.1905, F.S.; requiring that certain  
4           inmates who are less than a specified age be  
5           placed in specific correctional facilities and  
6           housed in separate dormitories; requiring that  
7           the Department of Corrections report to the  
8           Legislature on its compliance with housing  
9           youthful offenders; requiring that certain  
10          inmates who are less than a specified age and  
11          who have no prior juvenile adjudication be  
12          placed in facilities for youthful offenders;  
13          providing for the reassignment of an inmate to  
14          the general population if the inmate threatens  
15          the safety of other inmates or correctional  
16          staff; providing an effective date.

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

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20           Section 1. Subsection (5) is added to section  
21 944.1905, Florida Statutes, to read:

22           944.1905 Initial inmate classification; inmate  
23 reclassification.--The Department of Corrections shall  
24 classify inmates pursuant to an objective classification  
25 scheme. The initial inmate classification questionnaire and  
26 the inmate reclassification questionnaire must cover both  
27 aggravating and mitigating factors.

28           (5)(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this  
29 section, the department shall assign to specific correctional  
30 facilities all inmates who are less than 18 years of age and  
31 who are not eligible for and have not been assigned to a

1 facility for youthful offenders. Any such inmate who is less  
2 than 18 years of age shall be housed in a dormitory that is  
3 separate from inmates who are 18 years of age or older.  
4 Furthermore, the department shall provide any food service,  
5 education, and recreation for such inmate separately from  
6 inmates who are 18 years of age or older. The department shall  
7 report to the Legislature on compliance with this paragraph by  
8 April 1, 2002.

9 (b) Notwithstanding the requirements of s. 958.11, any  
10 inmate who is less than 18 years of age, who was 15 years of  
11 age or younger at the time of his or her offense, and who has  
12 no prior juvenile adjudication must be placed in a facility  
13 for youthful offenders until the inmate is 18 years of age. At  
14 the discretion of the department, such an inmate may be placed  
15 in a facility for youthful offenders until the inmate is 21  
16 years of age.

17 (c) Any inmate who is assigned to a facility under  
18 paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) shall be removed and reassigned  
19 to the general inmate population if his or her behavior  
20 threatens the safety of other inmates or correctional staff.

21 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.  
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