By the Committee on Juvenile Justice and Representatives Harper, Gelber, Barreiro, Richardson, Peterman and Smith

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to youthful offenders; amending s. 958.11, F.S.; providing for certain inmates to be assigned to a facility for youthful offenders as a residential assignment if the inmate's mental or physical vulnerability may jeopardize the inmate's safety; providing legislative intent with respect to housing all inmates under a specified age in facilities for youthful offenders; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (6) of section 958.11, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

958.11 Designation of institutions and programs for youthful offenders; assignment from youthful offender institutions and programs.--

(6) The department may assign to a youthful offender facility, as a residential assignment, any inmate~~, except a capital or life felon,~~ whose age does not exceed 19 years but who does not otherwise meet the criteria of this section, if the Assistant Secretary for Youthful Offenders determines that such inmate's mental or physical vulnerability may ~~would substantially or materially~~ jeopardize his or her safety in a nonyouthful offender facility. It is the intent of the Legislature that any inmate whose age does not exceed 18 years be housed in a facility for youthful offenders, unless the inmate presents an unacceptable disciplinary problem at that

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facility.Assignments made under this subsection shall be included in the department's annual report.

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

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