1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to juvenile justice; amending s. 985.215, 3 F.S.; specifying time limits to hold a child in secure 4 detention while awaiting placement into a specific program 5 or facility ordered by the court; amending s. 985.2155, F.S.; revising provisions relating to county 6 7 responsibility for juvenile detention; deleting references 8 to state responsibility; providing for state financial 9 assistance; providing criteria for assignment of county costs and responsibility; requiring the Department of 10 Juvenile Justice to adopt rules establishing quality 11 assurance standards for county intake, detention 12 screening, and detention care operations; requiring that 13 each county shall submit an implementation plan for its 14 assumption of certain responsibilities; revising the 15 16 deadline for development of a methodology for determining the amount of each fiscally constrained county's costs for 17 certain services; amending s. 943.0515, F.S.; deleting the 18 19 term "juvenile prison"; amending s. 985.03, F.S.; revising 20 definitions relating to juvenile justice; creating a definition for the term "day treatment"; providing for 21 county detention care and intake responsibility; creating 22 the minimum-risk nonresidential restrictiveness level; 23 providing that high-risk residential facilities may be 24 25 environmentally secure; removing juvenile prisons from the 26 maximum-risk residential level; providing that temporary 27 release may be granted from residential commitment facilities; amending s. 985.201 and 985.208 F.S.; 28

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conforming to definitions changes; amending s. 985.207, F.S.; providing additional criteria for taking a child into custody; conforming cross references; amending s. 985.213, F.S.; providing additional criteria for detaining youth; providing for secure detention or home detention; amending s. 985.231, F.S.; revising provisions relating to powers of disposition; permitting a court to specify the program or facility a youth shall be placed in when committed; providing procedures for a court's specific placement; providing the maximum length for a minimum-risk nonresidential commitment for a second degree misdemeanor; making conforming changes; providing for commitment of a child to a specific high-risk residential or maximum-risk residential program or facility; amending s. 985.2311, F.S.; providing that parents shall pay fees for costs of supervision related to minimum-risk nonresidential commitment; amending s. 985.313, F.S.; conforming to definitions changes; amending s. 985.316, F.S.; providing for assessment of residentially committed youth for conditional release services; amending ss. 784.075, 984.05, 985.31, and 985.3141, F.S.; conforming cross references; reenacting ss. 985.201(4)(a), 985.233(4)(b), 985.31(3)(k), and 985.311(3)(e), F.S., relating to jurisdiction, sentencing alternatives, commitment of serious or habitual juvenile offenders, and eligibility for an intensive residential treatment program for offenders less than 13 years of age, respectively, to incorporate the amendment to s. 985.231, F.S., in

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references thereto; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (10) of section 985.215, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

985.215 Detention.--

- to s. 985.231(1)(a)3. who is to the Department of Juvenile

 Justice awaiting dispositional placement, shall be removed

 removal of the child from secure detention care shall occur

 within 5 days after the date of commitment, excluding Saturdays,
 Sundays, and legal holidays. Any child held in secure detention

 during the 5 days must meet detention admission criteria

 pursuant to this section. If the child is committed to a

 moderate-risk residential program, the department may seek an

 order from the court authorizing continued secure detention for

 a specific period of time necessary for the appropriate

 residential placement of the child. However, such continued

 detention in secure detention care may not exceed 15 days after

 commitment, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays,

 and except as otherwise provided in this subsection.
- 2. The court must place all children who are adjudicated and awaiting placement in a residential commitment program in detention care. Children who are in home detention care or nonsecure detention care may be placed on electronic monitoring.
- Section 2. Section 985.2155, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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985.2155 Shared County and state responsibility for juvenile detention; state financial assistance.--

- (1) It is the policy of this state that the state and the counties be responsible for juvenile intake, detention screening, and detention care in the manner have a joint obligation, as provided in this section, to contribute to the financial support of the detention care provided for juveniles.
 - (2) As used in this section, the term:

- (a) <u>"Final court disposition" means the trial court's</u>

 entry of a written disposition order for a juvenile under ss.

 985.23 and 985.231. <u>"Detention care" means secure detention.</u>
- (b) "Fiscally constrained county" means a county designated as a rural area of critical economic concern under s. 288.0656 for which the value of a mill in the county is no more than \$4 million \$3 million, based on the property valuations and tax data annually published by the Department of Revenue under s. 195.052.
- than January 1, 2007, each county shall be responsible for the operation of, and payment of all pay the costs associated with of providing detention care, exclusive of the costs of any preadjudicatory nonmedical educational or therapeutic services, for juveniles for the period of time prior to final court disposition. The department shall develop an accounts payable system to allocate costs that are payable by the counties.
- (b) Each county may contract with public and private organizations, including the department and county or municipal governments, to carry out its responsibilities under this

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section. In addition, the department may contract with counties for the costs of detention and other services provided to juveniles after final court disposition.

- (c)(4) Notwithstanding subsection (3), The state shall, subject to specific appropriations, reimburse each fiscally constrained county for up to 100 percent of its costs under paragraph (a) pay all costs of detention care for juveniles for which a fiscally constrained county would otherwise be billed. In addition, the state shall, subject to specific appropriations, provide financial assistance to counties that are not fiscally constrained. Provision of state funds to a county pursuant to this paragraph shall be contingent upon the county maintaining facilities and services within specified standards established by the department under subsection (4) and in compliance with state and federal constitutional standards.
- (d) Prior to county provision of services, the department shall continue to operate intake, detention screening, and detention care for juveniles, and each county shall reimburse the department for the cost of providing such services to juveniles arrested in the county prior to final court disposition. If a juvenile is arrested in a county other than his or her county of residence, the juvenile shall be transferred to his or her county of residence or to the juvenile detention facility that serves his or her county of residence as soon as practicable, and the county of residence shall become responsible for all costs upon transfer of the juvenile.
- (e) The department shall make existing detention center facilities available to counties that wish to use these

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maintenance and the cost of maintaining adequate property and liability insurance as determined by the department. Any county using a facility serving multiple counties must agree to a cooperative agreement with other counties from the area that wish to use the facility. The agreement must specify how costs and operational responsibility will be shared among each of the counties.

- (4) The department shall adopt rules establishing quality assurance standards for county intake, detention screening, and detention care operations that shall include the following provisions:
- (a) Compliance with state and federal constitutional standards.
 - (b) Compliance with state and federal laws.
- (c) Continuance of educational services to juveniles in secure detention facilities.
 - (d) Prohibition of the inappropriate use of detention.
- (e) Authorization of county flexibility to develop innovative approaches to service delivery that will help counties contain costs and provide more appropriate services to youth. Such alternative strategies include, but are not limited to, diversion of status offenders and youth charged with local ordinance violations and nonviolent misdemeanors from traditional intake services; the use, with court approval, of electronic monitoring in lieu of secure detention; and the use, with court approval, of day treatment programs for youth who are awaiting placement in a residential commitment program in lieu

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of secure detention. Any alternative program must demonstrate that there is no adverse impact on public order or safety and that provisions will be made to ensure that youth will attend court proceedings.

- (f) Transportation of youth to and from court. The department shall be responsible for transporting youth to a program of the department after final court disposition.
- (g) Sight and sound separation of detained youth from youthful and adult offenders.
- (h) Staffing standards and minimum qualifications of staff who work with youth and level 2 employment screening requirements pursuant to chapter 435 for all personnel employed or contracted by a county for work in any facility or program under this section.
- (i) Uniform standards, including uniform reporting formats, for intake and screening activities.
- (j) Minimum standards for detention facilities housing youth.
- (k) Uniform standards for medical care for youth, including protocols for emergency services and hospitalization when necessary.
- (1) Uniform standards for mental health and substance abuse assessment and treatment for youth, including measures necessary to prevent suicide of detained youth.
- (m) Requirement that any organization engaged by the county to provide services pursuant to this section is subject to all staffing standards and minimum staff qualifications established under this subsection.

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(n) Access by the department to all facilities and programs at any time to conduct quality assurance and program compliance reviews.

- (o) Provision for the state to take any county program or facility into receivership upon a determination that a county program or facility is not in compliance with statewide quality assurance standards and, as such, places youth in imminent physical danger or violates constitutional standards regarding the care and confinement of juveniles. The department shall operate, either directly or under contract, any county program or facility taken into receivership pursuant to this paragraph.
- (p) Requirement that if the state takes a facility or program under receivership, the county shall be liable for costs incurred by the department for operating the facility or program plus an administrative fee of 10 percent of the cost of operating the facility or program.
- (q) A process for counties to appeal a department decision to place a facility or program under receivership.
- (r) Regular, ongoing quality assurance monitoring by the department to ensure compliance with the quality assurance standards established pursuant to this subsection.
- (5)(a) By July 1, 2006, each county shall submit to the department an implementation plan for its assumption of the intake, detention screening, and detention responsibilities set forth in paragraph (3)(a). This plan shall be in a format to be determined by the department and must include:
- 1. A detailed schedule for county assumption of responsibilities.

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2. A complete description of program operations, including any private or public entity engaged by the county to provide services.

- 3. Any agreements reached with other counties to operate regional facilities or programs.
- 4. An attestation by the chair of the board of county commissioners and the county manager that the county will remain in compliance with all quality assurance standards established by the department pursuant to subsection (4).
 - 5. Such other information as required by the department.
- (b) The department shall review each county's implementation plan and shall provide notice to the county administrator of the department's approval or disapproval of such plan no later than October 1, 2006. The department's failure to provide such notice by October 1, 2006, shall constitute approval.
- (6)(a) By October 1, 2006 2004, the department shall develop a methodology for determining the amount of each fiscally constrained county's costs under paragraph (3)(a) for intake, detention screening, and of detention care for juveniles, during for the period of time prior to final court disposition that, which must be paid by the state. At a minimum, this methodology must consider the difference between the amount appropriated to the department for offsetting the costs associated with the assignment of juvenile intake, detention screening, and pretrial detention care expenses to the fiscally constrained county and the total estimated costs to the fiscally constrained county, for the fiscal year, of intake, detention

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<u>screening</u>, <u>and</u> detention care for juveniles for the period of time prior to final court disposition.

- (b) Subject to legislative appropriation and based on the methodology developed under paragraph (a), the department shall provide funding to offset the costs to fiscally constrained counties of intake, detention screening, and detention care for juveniles for the period of time prior to final court disposition. If county matching funds are required by the department to eliminate the difference calculated under paragraph (a) or the difference between the actual costs of the fiscally constrained counties and the amount appropriated in small county grants for use in mitigating such costs, that match amount must be allocated proportionately among all fiscally constrained counties.
- (7)(5) Each county shall incorporate into its annual county budget sufficient funds to pay its <u>estimated</u> costs of <u>intake</u>, <u>detention screening</u>, <u>and</u> detention care for juveniles who <u>are arrested or</u> reside in that county for the period of time prior to final court disposition. This amount shall be <u>estimated</u> based upon the prior use of <u>intake</u>, <u>detention screening</u>, <u>and</u> secure detention for juveniles who are <u>arrested in or are</u> residents of that county, as calculated by the department. Each county <u>that is required to make payment to the department</u> shall pay the estimated costs at the beginning of each month. Any difference between the estimated costs and actual costs shall be reconciled at the end of the state fiscal year <u>and the</u> <u>department shall promptly provide a credit against future</u> obligations or a refund if there are no future obligations.

(8)(6) Court payment pursuant to subsection (7) shall be deposited Each county shall pay to the department for deposit into the Juvenile Justice Grants and Donations Trust Fund or such other trust fund as may be designated by the Legislature its share of the county's total costs for juvenile detention, based upon calculations published by the department with input from the counties.

- (9)(7) The department of Juvenile Justice shall determine each quarter whether the counties of this state are remitting to the department their share of the costs of detention as required by this section.
- (10) (8) The Department of Revenue and the counties shall provide technical assistance as necessary to the department of Juvenile Justice in order to develop the most cost-effective means of collection.
- $\underline{(11)}$ (9) Funds received from counties pursuant to this section are not subject to the service charges provided in s. 215.20.
- $\underline{(12)}$ (10) The department <u>shall</u> may adopt rules to administer this section.
- Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 943.0515, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 943.0515 Retention of criminal history records of minors.--
- (1)(a) The Criminal Justice Information Program shall retain the criminal history record of a minor who is classified as a serious or habitual juvenile offender or committed to a juvenile correctional facility or juvenile prison under chapter

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985 for 5 years after the date the offender reaches 21 years of age, at which time the record shall be expunged unless it meets the criteria of paragraph (2)(a) or paragraph (2)(b).

- (b) If the minor is not classified as a serious or habitual juvenile offender or committed to a juvenile correctional facility or juvenile prison under chapter 985, the program shall retain the minor's criminal history record for 5 years after the date the minor reaches 19 years of age, at which time the record shall be expunged unless it meets the criteria of paragraph (2)(a) or paragraph (2)(b).
- Section 4. Section 985.03, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 985.03 Definitions. $--\underline{As}$ When used in this chapter, the term:
- (1) "Addictions receiving facility" means a substance abuse service provider as defined in chapter 397.
- (2) "Adjudicatory hearing" means a hearing for the court to determine whether or not the facts support the allegations stated in the petition, as is provided for under s. 985.228 in delinquency cases.
 - (3) "Adult" means any natural person other than a child.
- (4) "Arbitration" means a process whereby a neutral third person or panel, called an arbitrator or an arbitration panel, considers the facts and arguments presented by the parties and renders a decision which may be binding or nonbinding.
- (5) "Authorized agent" or "designee" of the department means a person or agency assigned or designated by the Department of Juvenile Justice or the Department of Children and

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Family Services, as appropriate, to perform duties or exercise powers pursuant to this chapter and includes contract providers and their employees for purposes of providing services to and managing cases of children in need of services and families in need of services.

- (6) "Child" or "juvenile" or "youth" means any unmarried person under the age of 18 who has not been emancipated by order of the court and who has been found or alleged to be dependent, in need of services, or from a family in need of services; or any married or unmarried person who is charged with a violation of law occurring prior to the time that person reached the age of 18 years.
- (7) "Child eligible for an intensive residential treatment program for offenders less than 13 years of age" means a child who has been found to have committed a delinquent act or a violation of law in the case currently before the court and who meets at least one of the following criteria:
- (a) The child is less than 13 years of age at the time of the disposition for the current offense and has been adjudicated on the current offense for:
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- 2. Sexual battery;
- 3. Robbery;
- 4. Kidnapping;
 - 5. Aggravated child abuse;
- 362 6. Aggravated assault;
- 363 7. Aggravated stalking;
- 364 8. Murder;

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9. Manslaughter;

- 10. Unlawful throwing, placing, or discharging of a destructive device or bomb;
 - 11. Armed burglary;
 - 12. Aggravated battery;
- 13. Any lewd or lascivious offense committed upon or in the presence of a person less than 16 years of age; or
- 14. Carrying, displaying, using, threatening, or attempting to use a weapon or firearm during the commission of a felony.
- (b) The child is less than 13 years of age at the time of the disposition, the current offense is a felony, and the child has previously been committed at least once to a delinquency commitment program.
- (c) The child is less than 13 years of age and is currently committed for a felony offense and transferred from a moderate-risk or high-risk residential commitment placement.
- (8) "Child in need of services" means a child for whom there is no pending investigation into an allegation or suspicion of abuse, neglect, or abandonment; no pending referral alleging the child is delinquent; or no current supervision by the Department of Juvenile Justice or the Department of Children and Family Services for an adjudication of dependency or delinquency. The child must also, pursuant to this chapter, be found by the court:
- (a) To have persistently run away from the child's parents or legal custodians despite reasonable efforts of the child, the parents or legal custodians, and appropriate agencies to remedy

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the conditions contributing to the behavior. Reasonable efforts shall include voluntary participation by the child's parents or legal custodians and the child in family mediation, services, and treatment offered by the Department of Juvenile Justice or the Department of Children and Family Services;

- (b) To be habitually truant from school, while subject to compulsory school attendance, despite reasonable efforts to remedy the situation pursuant to ss. 1003.26 and 1003.27 and through voluntary participation by the child's parents or legal custodians and by the child in family mediation, services, and treatment offered by the Department of Juvenile Justice or the Department of Children and Family Services; or
- (c) To have persistently disobeyed the reasonable and lawful demands of the child's parents or legal custodians, and to be beyond their control despite efforts by the child's parents or legal custodians and appropriate agencies to remedy the conditions contributing to the behavior. Reasonable efforts may include such things as good faith participation in family or individual counseling.
- (9) "Child who has been found to have committed a delinquent act" means a child who, pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, is found by a court to have committed a violation of law or to be in direct or indirect contempt of court, except that this definition shall not include an act constituting contempt of court arising out of a dependency proceeding or a proceeding pursuant to part III of this chapter.
- (10) "Child support" means a court-ordered obligation, enforced under chapter 61 and ss. 409.2551-409.2597, for

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monetary support for the care, maintenance, training, and education of a child.

- (11) "Circuit" means any of the 20 judicial circuits as set forth in s. 26.021.
- (12) "Comprehensive assessment" or "assessment" means the gathering of information for the evaluation of a juvenile offender's or a child's physical, psychological, educational, vocational, and social condition and family environment as they relate to the child's need for rehabilitative and treatment services, including substance abuse treatment services, mental health services, developmental services, literacy services, medical services, family services, and other specialized services, as appropriate.
- (13) "Conditional release" means the care, treatment, help, and supervision provided to a juvenile released from a residential commitment program which is intended to promote rehabilitation and prevent recidivism. The purpose of conditional release is to protect the public, reduce recidivism, increase responsible productive behavior, and provide for a successful transition of the youth from the department to the family. Conditional release includes, but is not limited to, nonresidential community-based programs.
- (14) "Court," unless otherwise expressly stated, means the circuit court assigned to exercise jurisdiction under this chapter.
- (15) "Day treatment" means a nonresidential, community-based program designed to provide therapeutic intervention to youth who are placed on probation or conditional release or are

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committed to the minimum-risk nonresidential level. A day treatment program may provide educational and vocational services and shall provide case management services; individual, group, and family counseling; training designed to address delinquency risk factors; and monitoring of a youth's compliance with, and facilitation of a youth's completion of, sanctions if ordered by the court. Program types may include, but are not limited to, career programs, marine programs, juvenile justice alternative schools, training and rehabilitation programs, and gender-specific programs.

- (16)(15)(a) "Delinquency program" means any intake, probation, or similar program; regional detention center or facility; or community-based program, whether owned and operated by or contracted by the Department of Juvenile Justice, or institution owned and operated by or contracted by the Department of Juvenile Justice, which provides intake, supervision, or custody and care of children who are alleged to be or who have been found to be delinquent under pursuant to part II.
- (b) "Delinquency program staff" means supervisory and direct care staff of a delinquency program as well as support staff who have direct contact with children in a delinquency program.
- (c) "Delinquency prevention programs" means programs designed for the purpose of reducing the occurrence of delinquency, including youth and street gang activity, and juvenile arrests. The term excludes arbitration, diversionary or mediation programs, and community service work or other

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treatment available subsequent to a child committing a delinquent act.

- $\underline{(17)}$ "Department" means the Department of Juvenile Justice.
- (18)(17) "Designated facility" or "designated treatment facility" means any facility designated by the Department of Juvenile Justice to provide treatment to juvenile offenders.
- (19)(18) "Detention care" means the temporary care of a child in secure, nonsecure, or home detention, pending a court adjudication or disposition or execution of a court order. There are three types of detention care, as follows:
- (a) "Secure detention" means temporary custody of the child while the child is under the physical restriction of a detention center or facility pending adjudication, disposition, or placement.
- (b) "Nonsecure detention" means temporary custody of the child while the child is in a residential home in the community in a physically nonrestrictive environment under county the supervision of the Department of Juvenile Justice pending adjudication, disposition, or placement.
- (c) "Home detention" means temporary custody of the child while the child is released to the custody of the parent, guardian, or custodian in a physically nonrestrictive environment under the supervision of the Department of Juvenile Justice staff employed by, or contracted with, the county pending adjudication, disposition, or placement.
- (20) (19) "Detention center or facility" means a facility used pending court adjudication or disposition or execution of

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court order for the temporary care of a child alleged or found to have committed a violation of law. A detention center or facility may provide secure or nonsecure custody. A facility used for the commitment of adjudicated delinquents shall not be considered a detention center or facility.

- (21)(20) "Detention hearing" means a hearing for the court to determine if a child should be placed in temporary custody, as provided for under ss. 985.213 and 985.215 in delinquency cases.
- (22)(21) "Disposition hearing" means a hearing in which the court determines the most appropriate dispositional services in the least restrictive available setting provided for under s. 985.231, in delinquency cases.
- (23) "Family" means a collective of persons, consisting of a child and a parent, guardian, adult custodian, or adult relative, in which:
- (a) The persons reside in the same house or living unit; or
- (b) The parent, guardian, adult custodian, or adult relative has a legal responsibility by blood, marriage, or court order to support or care for the child.
- (24)(23) "Family in need of services" means a family that has a child for whom there is no pending investigation into an allegation of abuse, neglect, or abandonment or no current supervision by the Department of Juvenile Justice or the Department of Children and Family Services for an adjudication of dependency or delinquency. The child must also have been referred to a law enforcement agency or the Department of

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Juvenile Justice for:

- (a) Running away from parents or legal custodians;
- (b) Persistently disobeying reasonable and lawful demands of parents or legal custodians, and being beyond their control; or
 - (c) Habitual truancy from school.
- (25)(24) "Foster care" means care provided a child in a foster family or boarding home, group home, agency boarding home, child care institution, or any combination thereof.
 - (26)(25) "Habitually truant" means that:
- (a) The child has 15 unexcused absences within 90 calendar days with or without the knowledge or justifiable consent of the child's parent or legal guardian, is subject to compulsory school attendance under s. 1003.21(1) and (2)(a), and is not exempt under s. 1003.21(3), s. 1003.24, or any other exemptions specified by law or the rules of the State Board of Education.
- (b) Escalating activities to determine the cause, and to attempt the remediation, of the child's truant behavior under ss. 1003.26 and 1003.27 have been completed.

If a child who is subject to compulsory school attendance is responsive to the interventions described in ss. 1003.26 and 1003.27 and has completed the necessary requirements to pass the current grade as indicated in the district pupil progression plan, the child shall not be determined to be habitually truant and shall be passed. If a child within the compulsory school attendance age has 15 unexcused absences within 90 calendar days or fails to enroll in school, the state attorney may file a

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child-in-need-of-services petition. <u>Before Prior to filing a</u> petition, the child must be referred to the appropriate agency for evaluation. After consulting with the evaluating agency, the state attorney may elect to file a child-in-need-of-services petition.

- (c) A school representative, designated according to school board policy, and a juvenile probation officer of the department of Juvenile Justice have jointly investigated the truancy problem or, if that was not feasible, have performed separate investigations to identify conditions that could be contributing to the truant behavior; and if, after a joint staffing of the case to determine the necessity for services, such services were determined to be needed, the persons who performed the investigations met jointly with the family and child to discuss any referral to appropriate community agencies for economic services, family or individual counseling, or other services required to remedy the conditions that are contributing to the truant behavior.
- (d) The failure or refusal of the parent or legal guardian or the child to participate, or make a good faith effort to participate, in the activities prescribed to remedy the truant behavior, or the failure or refusal of the child to return to school after participation in activities required by this subsection, or the failure of the child to stop the truant behavior after the school administration and the department of Juvenile Justice have worked with the child as described in s. 1003.27(3) shall be handled as prescribed in s. 1003.27.

(27) (26) "Halfway house" means a community-based

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residential program for 10 or more committed delinquents at the moderate-risk commitment level which is operated or contracted by the department of Juvenile Justice.

- (28)(27) "Intake" means the initial acceptance and screening by a county the department of Juvenile Justice of a complaint or a law enforcement report or probable cause affidavit of delinquency, family in need of services, or child in need of services to determine the recommendation to be taken in the best interests of the child, the family, and the community. The emphasis of intake is on diversion and the least restrictive available services. Consequently, intake includes such alternatives as:
- (a) The disposition of the complaint, report, or probable cause affidavit without court or public agency action or judicial handling when appropriate.
- (b) The referral of the child to another public or private agency when appropriate.
- (c) The recommendation by the juvenile probation officer of judicial handling when appropriate and warranted.
- (29)(28) "Judge" means the circuit judge exercising jurisdiction pursuant to this chapter.
- (30)(29) "Juvenile justice continuum" includes, but is not limited to, delinquency prevention programs and services designed for the purpose of preventing or reducing delinquent acts, including criminal activity by youth gangs, and juvenile arrests, as well as programs and services targeted at children who have committed delinquent acts, and children who have previously been committed to residential treatment programs for

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delinquents. The term includes children-in-need-of-services and families-in-need-of-services programs; conditional release; substance abuse and mental health programs; educational and career programs; recreational programs; community services programs; community service work programs; and alternative dispute resolution programs serving children at risk of delinquency and their families, whether offered or delivered by state or local governmental entities, public or private forprofit or not-for-profit organizations, or religious or charitable organizations.

- (31)(30) "Juvenile probation officer" means the authorized agent of the department of Juvenile Justice who performs the intake, case management, or supervision functions.
 - (32)(31) "Juvenile sexual offender" means:
- (a) A juvenile who has been found by the court <u>under</u> pursuant to s. 985.228 to have committed a violation of chapter 794, chapter 796, chapter 800, s. 827.071, or s. 847.0133;
- (b) A juvenile found to have committed any felony violation of law or delinquent act involving juvenile sexual abuse. "Juvenile sexual abuse" means any sexual behavior which occurs without consent, without equality, or as a result of coercion. For purposes of this subsection, the following definitions apply:
- 1. "Coercion" means the exploitation of authority, use of bribes, threats of force, or intimidation to gain cooperation or compliance.
- 2. "Equality" means two participants operating with the same level of power in a relationship, neither being controlled

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645 nor coerced by the other.

- 3. "Consent" means an agreement including all of the following:
- a. Understanding what is proposed based on age, maturity, developmental level, functioning, and experience.
- b. Knowledge of societal standards for what is being proposed.
 - c. Awareness of potential consequences and alternatives.
- d. Assumption that agreement or disagreement will be accepted equally.
 - e. Voluntary decision.
 - f. Mental competence.

Juvenile sexual offender behavior ranges from noncontact sexual behavior such as making obscene phone calls, exhibitionism, voyeurism, and the showing or taking of lewd photographs to varying degrees of direct sexual contact, such as frottage, fondling, digital penetration, rape, fellatio, sodomy, and various other sexually aggressive acts.

(33)(32) "Legal custody or guardian" means a legal status created by court order or letter of guardianship which vests in a custodian of the person or guardian, whether an agency or an individual, the right to have physical custody of the child and the right and duty to protect, train, and discipline the child and to provide him or her with food, shelter, education, and ordinary medical, dental, psychiatric, and psychological care.

(34) "Licensed child-caring agency" means a person, society, association, or agency licensed by the Department of

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Children and Family Services to care for, receive, and board children.

- (35)(34) "Licensed health care professional" means a physician licensed under chapter 458, an osteopathic physician licensed under chapter 459, a nurse licensed under part I of chapter 464, a physician assistant licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459, or a dentist licensed under chapter 466.
- (36)(35) "Likely to injure oneself" means that, as evidenced by violent or other actively self-destructive behavior, it is more likely than not that within a 24-hour period the child will attempt to commit suicide or inflict serious bodily harm on himself or herself.
- (37)(36) "Likely to injure others" means that it is more likely than not that within a 24-hour period the child will inflict serious and unjustified bodily harm on another person.
- (38)(37) "Mediation" means a process whereby a neutral third person called a mediator acts to encourage and facilitate the resolution of a dispute between two or more parties. It is an informal and nonadversarial process with the objective of helping the disputing parties reach a mutually acceptable and voluntary agreement. In mediation, decisionmaking authority rests with the parties. The role of the mediator includes, but is not limited to, assisting the parties in identifying issues, fostering joint problem solving, and exploring settlement alternatives.
- (39)(38) "Necessary medical treatment" means care which is necessary within a reasonable degree of medical certainty to prevent the deterioration of a child's condition or to alleviate

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immediate pain of a child.

(40)(39) "Next of kin" means an adult relative of a child who is the child's brother, sister, grandparent, aunt, uncle, or first cousin.

(41)(40) "Parent" means a woman who gives birth to a child and a man whose consent to the adoption of the child would be required under s. 63.062(1). If a child has been legally adopted, the term "parent" means the adoptive mother or father of the child. The term does not include an individual whose parental relationship to the child has been legally terminated, or an alleged or prospective parent, unless the parental status falls within the terms of either s. 39.503(1) or s. 63.062(1).

(42)(41) "Preliminary screening" means the gathering of preliminary information to be used in determining a child's need for further evaluation or assessment or for referral for other substance abuse services through means such as psychosocial interviews; urine and breathalyzer screenings; and reviews of available educational, delinquency, and dependency records of the child.

(43)(42) "Preventive services" means social services and other supportive and rehabilitative services provided to the parent of the child, the legal guardian of the child, or the custodian of the child and to the child for the purpose of averting the removal of the child from the home or disruption of a family that which will or could result in the placement of a child in foster care. Social services and other supportive and rehabilitative services shall promote the child's need for a safe, continuous, stable living environment and shall promote

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family autonomy and shall strengthen family life as the first priority whenever possible.

(44)(43) "Probation" means the legal status of probation created by law and court order in cases involving a child who has been found to have committed a delinquent act. Probation is an individualized program in which the freedom of the child is limited and the child is restricted to noninstitutional quarters or restricted to the child's home in lieu of commitment to the custody of the department of Juvenile Justice. Youth on probation may be assessed and classified for placement in day-treatment probation programs designed for youth who represent a minimum risk to themselves and public safety and do not require placement and services in a residential setting. Program types in this more intensive and structured day treatment probation option include career programs, marine programs, juvenile justice alternative schools, training and rehabilitation programs, and gender-specific programs.

(45)(44) "Relative" means a grandparent, great-grandparent, sibling, first cousin, aunt, uncle, great-aunt, great-uncle, niece, or nephew, whether related by the whole or half blood, by affinity, or by adoption. The term does not include a stepparent.

(46)(45) "Restrictiveness Residential Commitment level" means the level of programming and security provided by programs that service the supervision, custody, care, and treatment needs of committed children. Sections 985.3141 and 985.404(11) apply to children placed in programs at any residential commitment level. The restrictiveness levels of residential commitment are

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757 as follows:

(a) Minimum-risk nonresidential--Programs or program models at this commitment level work with youth who remain in the community and participate at least 5 days per week in a day treatment program. Youth assessed and classified for programs at this commitment level represent a minimum risk to themselves and public safety and do not require placement and services in residential settings. Youth in this level have full access to, and reside in, the community. A youth who has been found to have committed delinquent acts that involve firearms, delinquent acts that are sexual offenses, or delinquent acts that would be life felonies or first degree felonies if committed by an adult shall not be committed to a program at this level.

(b)(a) Low-risk residential.--Programs or program models at this commitment level are residential but may allow youth to have unsupervised access to the community. Youth assessed and classified for placement in programs at this commitment level represent a low risk to themselves and public safety but do require placement and services in residential settings. Children who have been found to have committed delinquent acts that involve firearms, delinquent acts that are sexual offenses, or delinquent acts that would be life felonies or first degree felonies if committed by an adult shall not be committed to a program at this level.

(c)(b) Moderate-risk residential.--Programs or program models at this commitment level are residential but may allow youth to have supervised access to the community. Facilities are either environmentally secure, staff secure, or are hardware-

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secure with walls, fencing, or locking doors. Facilities shall provide 24-hour awake supervision, custody, care, and treatment of residents. Youth assessed and classified for placement in programs at this commitment level represent a moderate risk to public safety and require close supervision. The staff at a facility at this commitment level may seclude a child who is a physical threat to himself or herself or others. Mechanical restraint may also be used when necessary.

(d)(e) High-risk residential.—Programs or program models at this commitment level are residential and shall not allow youth to have access to the community. Facilities are hardware-secure with perimeter fencing and locking doors or are environmentally secure. Facilities shall provide 24-hour awake supervision, custody, care, and treatment of residents. Youth assessed and classified for this level of placement require close supervision in a structured residential setting. Placement in programs at this level is prompted by a concern for public safety that outweighs placement in programs at lower commitment levels. The staff at a facility at this commitment level may seclude a child who is a physical threat to himself or herself or others. Mechanical restraint may also be used when necessary. The facility may provide for single cell occupancy.

(e)(d) Maximum-risk residential.--Programs or program models at this commitment level include juvenile correctional facilities and juvenile prisons. The programs are long-term residential and shall not allow youth to have access to the community. Facilities are maximum-custody hardware-secure with perimeter security fencing and locking doors. Facilities shall

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provide 24-hour awake supervision, custody, care, and treatment of residents. The staff at a facility at this commitment level may seclude a child who is a physical threat to himself or herself or others. Mechanical restraint may also be used when necessary. The facility shall provide for single cell occupancy, except that youth may be housed together during prerelease transition. Youth assessed and classified for this level of placement require close supervision in a maximum security residential setting. Placement in a program at this level is prompted by a demonstrated need to protect the public.

- (47)(46) "Respite" means a placement that is available for the care, custody, and placement of a youth charged with domestic violence as an alternative to secure detention or for placement of a youth when a shelter bed for a child in need of services or a family in need of services is unavailable.
- (48)(47) "Secure detention center or facility" means a physically restricting facility for the temporary care of children, pending adjudication, disposition, or placement.
- (49)(48) "Serious or habitual juvenile offender," for purposes of commitment to a residential facility and for purposes of records retention, means a child who has been found to have committed a delinquent act or a violation of law, in the case currently before the court, and who meets at least one of the following criteria:
- (a) 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:
 - 1. Arson;

2. Sexual battery;

- 3. Robbery;
- 4. Kidnapping;
- 5. Aggravated child abuse;
- 6. Aggravated assault;
- 7. Aggravated stalking;
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- 9. Manslaughter;
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- 851 11. Armed burglary;
- 852 12. Aggravated battery;
 - 13. Any lewd or lascivious offense committed upon or in the presence of a person less than 16 years of age; or
 - 14. Carrying, displaying, using, threatening, or attempting to use a weapon or firearm during the commission of a felony.
 - (b) The youth is at least 13 years of age at the time of the disposition, the current offense is a felony, and the child has previously been committed at least two times to a delinquency commitment program.
 - (c) The youth is at least 13 years of age and is currently committed for a felony offense and transferred from a moderaterisk or high-risk residential commitment placement.
 - (50) (49) "Serious or habitual juvenile offender program" means the program established in s. 985.31.
- 867 (51)(50) "Shelter" means a place for the temporary care of a child who is alleged to be or who has been found to be

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869 delinquent.

(52)(51) "Shelter hearing" means a hearing provided for under s. 984.14 in family-in-need-of-services cases or child-in-need-of-services cases.

- (53)(52) "Staff-secure shelter" means a facility in which a child is supervised 24 hours a day by staff members who are awake while on duty. The facility is for the temporary care and assessment of a child who has been found to be dependent, who has violated a court order and been found in contempt of court, or whom the Department of Children and Family Services is unable to properly assess or place for assistance within the continuum of services provided for dependent children.
- (54)(53) "Substance abuse" means using, without medical reason, any psychoactive or mood-altering drug, including alcohol, in such a manner as to induce impairment resulting in dysfunctional social behavior.
- (55)(54) "Taken into custody" means the status of a child immediately when temporary physical control over the child is attained by a person authorized by law, pending the child's release, detention, placement, or other disposition as authorized by law.
- (56)(55) "Temporary legal custody" means the relationship that a juvenile court creates between a child and an adult relative of the child, adult nonrelative approved by the court, or other person until a more permanent arrangement is ordered. Temporary legal custody confers upon the custodian the right to have temporary physical custody of the child and the right and duty to protect, train, and discipline the child and to provide

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the child with food, shelter, and education, and ordinary medical, dental, psychiatric, and psychological care, unless these rights and duties are otherwise enlarged or limited by the court order establishing the temporary legal custody relationship.

(57)(56) "Temporary release" means the terms and conditions under which a child is temporarily released from a residential commitment facility or allowed home visits. If the temporary release is from a moderate-risk residential facility, a high-risk residential facility, or a maximum-risk residential facility, the terms and conditions of the temporary release must be approved by the child, the court, and the facility. The term includes periods during which the child is supervised pursuant to a conditional release program or a period during which the child is supervised by a juvenile probation officer or other nonresidential staff of the department or staff employed by an entity under contract with the department.

 $\underline{(58)}(57)$ "Training school" means one of the following facilities: the Arthur G. Dozier School or the Eckerd Youth Development Center.

(59)(58) "Violation of law" or "delinquent act" means a violation of any law of this state, the United States, or any other state which is a misdemeanor or a felony or a violation of a county or municipal ordinance which would be punishable by incarceration if the violation were committed by an adult.

(60)(59) "Waiver hearing" means a hearing provided for under s. 985.226(3).

Section 5. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section 985.201, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

985.201 Jurisdiction. --

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- (b)1. The court may retain jurisdiction over a child committed to the department for placement in a juvenile correctional facility prison or in a high-risk or maximum-risk residential commitment program to allow the child to participate in a juvenile conditional release program pursuant to s. 985.316. In no case shall the jurisdiction of the court be retained beyond the child's 22nd birthday. However, if the child is not successful in the conditional release program, the department may use the transfer procedure under s. 985.404.
- 2. The court may retain jurisdiction over a child committed to the department for placement in an intensive residential treatment program for 10-year-old to 13-year-old offenders, in the residential commitment program in a juvenile correctional facility prison, in a residential sex offender program, or in a program for serious or habitual juvenile offenders as provided in s. 985.311 or s. 985.31 until the child reaches the age of 21. If the court exercises this jurisdiction retention, it shall do so solely for the purpose of the child completing the intensive residential treatment program for 10-year-old to 13-year-old offenders, in the residential commitment program in a juvenile correctional facility prison, in a residential sex offender program, or the program for serious or habitual juvenile offenders. Such jurisdiction retention does not apply for other programs, other purposes, or new offenses.

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Section 6. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section 985.207, Florida Statutes, is amended and paragraph (e) is added to said subsection to read:

985.207 Taking a child into custody. --

- (1) A child may be taken into custody under the following circumstances:
- (d) By a law enforcement officer who has probable cause to believe that the child is in violation of the conditions of the child's probation, home detention, postcommitment probation, or conditional release supervision or has escaped <u>in violation of</u> s. 985.3141 <u>from commitment</u>.
- (e) A court finds any of the following for a youth awaiting disposition:
- 1. That the child has a history of failing to appear for court proceedings.
- 2. That the child is presently ungovernable as evidenced by his or her recent behavior.
- 3. That the child presents a risk of failing to appear for future proceedings or to inflict harm to himself or others or the property of others because of his or her present ungovernable behavior.

Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to allow the detention of a child who does not meet the detention criteria in s. 985.215.

Section 7. Subsection (1) of section 985.208, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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985.208 Detention of escapee on authority of the department.--

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- If an authorized agent of the department has (1)reasonable grounds to believe that any delinquent child committed to the department has escaped from a residential commitment facility of the department or from being lawfully transported thereto or therefrom, the agent may take the child into active custody and may deliver the child to the facility or, if it is closer, to a detention center for return to the facility. However, a child may not be held in detention longer than 24 hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, unless a special order so directing is made by the judge after a detention hearing resulting in a finding that detention is required based on the criteria in s. 985.215(2). The order shall state the reasons for such finding. The reasons shall be reviewable by appeal or in habeas corpus proceedings in the district court of appeal.
- Section 8. Paragraph (f) is added to subsection (1) of section 985.213, Florida Statutes, to read:

985.213 Use of detention.--

- (1) All determinations and court orders regarding the use of secure, nonsecure, or home detention shall be based primarily upon findings that the child:
- (f) Meets the criteria for taking a child into custody pursuant to s. 985.207(1)(e). Youth detained pursuant to this paragraph shall be detained in secure detention or, at the discretion of the court and if available, placed on home detention with electronic monitoring until final disposition.

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Section 9. Paragraphs (a) and (d) of subsection (1) and subsection (2) of section 985.231, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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- 985.231 Powers of disposition in delinquency cases.--
- (1)(a) The court that has jurisdiction of an adjudicated delinquent child may, by an order stating the facts upon which a determination of a sanction and rehabilitative program was made at the disposition hearing:
- Place the child in a probation program or a postcommitment probation program under the supervision of an authorized agent of the Department of Juvenile Justice or of any other person or agency specifically authorized and appointed by the court, whether in the child's own home, in the home of a relative of the child, or in some other suitable place under such reasonable conditions as the court may direct. A probation program for an adjudicated delinquent child must include a penalty component such as restitution in money or in kind, community service, a curfew, revocation or suspension of the driver's license of the child, or other nonresidential punishment appropriate to the offense and must also include a rehabilitative program component such as a requirement of participation in substance abuse treatment or in school or other educational program. If the child is attending or is eligible to attend public school and the court finds that the victim or a sibling of the victim in the case is attending or may attend the same school as the child, the court placement order shall include a finding pursuant to the proceedings described in s. 985.23(1)(d). Upon the recommendation of the department at the

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time of disposition, or subsequent to disposition pursuant to the filing of a petition alleging a violation of the child's conditions of postcommitment probation, the court may order the child to submit to random testing for the purpose of detecting and monitoring the use of alcohol or controlled substances.

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A restrictiveness level classification scale for levels of supervision shall be provided by the department, taking into account the child's needs and risks relative to probation supervision requirements to reasonably ensure the public safety. Probation programs for children shall be supervised by the department or by any other person or agency specifically authorized by the court. These programs must include, but are not limited to, structured or restricted activities as described in this subparagraph, and shall be designed to encourage the child toward acceptable and functional social behavior. If supervision or a program of community service is ordered by the court, the duration of such supervision or program must be consistent with any treatment and rehabilitation needs identified for the child and may not exceed the term for which sentence could be imposed if the child were committed for the offense, except that the duration of such supervision or program for an offense that is a misdemeanor of the second degree, or is equivalent to a misdemeanor of the second degree, may be for a period not to exceed 6 months. When restitution is ordered by the court, the amount of restitution may not exceed an amount the child and the parent or guardian could reasonably be expected to pay or make. A child who participates in any work

program under this part is considered an employee of the state for purposes of liability, unless otherwise provided by law.

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- b. The court may conduct judicial review hearings for a child placed on probation for the purpose of fostering accountability to the judge and compliance with other requirements, such as restitution and community service. The court may allow early termination of probation for a child who has substantially complied with the terms and conditions of probation.
- If the conditions of the probation program or the postcommitment probation program are violated, the department or the state attorney may bring the child before the court on a petition alleging a violation of the program. Any child who violates the conditions of probation or postcommitment probation must be brought before the court if sanctions are sought. A child taken into custody under s. 985.207 for violating the conditions of probation or postcommitment probation shall be held in a consequence unit if such a unit is available. The child shall be afforded a hearing within 24 hours after being taken into custody to determine the existence of probable cause that the child violated the conditions of probation or postcommitment probation. A consequence unit is a secure facility specifically designated by the department for children who are taken into custody under s. 985.207 for violating probation or postcommitment probation, or who have been found by the court to have violated the conditions of probation or postcommitment probation. If the violation involves a new charge of delinquency, the child may be detained under s. 985.215 in a

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facility other than a consequence unit. If the child is not eligible for detention for the new charge of delinquency, the child may be held in the consequence unit pending a hearing and is subject to the time limitations specified in s. 985.215. If the child denies violating the conditions of probation or postcommitment probation, the court shall appoint counsel to represent the child at the child's request. Upon the child's admission, or if the court finds after a hearing that the child has violated the conditions of probation or postcommitment probation, the court shall enter an order revoking, modifying, or continuing probation or postcommitment probation. In each such case, the court shall enter a new disposition order and, in addition to the sanctions set forth in this paragraph, may impose any sanction the court could have imposed at the original disposition hearing. If the child is found to have violated the conditions of probation or postcommitment probation, the court may:

- (I) Place the child in a consequence unit in that judicial circuit, if available, for up to 5 days for a first violation, and up to 15 days for a second or subsequent violation.
- (II) Place the child on home detention with electronic monitoring. However, this sanction may be used only if a residential consequence unit is not available.
- (III) Modify or continue the child's probation program or postcommitment probation program.
- (IV) Revoke probation or postcommitment probation and commit the child to the department.

d. Notwithstanding s. 743.07 and paragraph (d), and except as provided in s. 985.31, the term of any order placing a child in a probation program must be until the child's 19th birthday unless he or she is released by the court, on the motion of an interested party or on its own motion.

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- 2. Commit the child to a licensed child-caring agency willing to receive the child, but the court may not commit the child to a jail or to a facility used primarily as a detention center or facility or shelter.
- 1126 Commit the child to the department of Juvenile Justice at a restrictiveness residential commitment level defined in s. 1127 985.03. The court may specify a program or facility within the 1128 restrictiveness level to which the child has been ordered. For a 1129 1130 child ordered committed to a specific high-risk residential or maximum-risk residential program or facility, the department may 1131 1132 notify the dispositional judge of alternative placements of the 1133 same risk level, as space becomes available, that could be 1134 accomplished prior to entry of the child into the court-ordered 1135 program or facility. With respect to any court-specified 1136 placement, the court may not select a program or facility that 1137 is not under contract with the department. If the court finds that the planned vacancies at the program or facility specified 1138 by the court are insufficient to allow for the placement of the 1139 1140 child within 45 days after the commitment order, the court must select a program or facility of the same restrictiveness level 1141 1142 from at least three alternative placements provided by the 1143 department. Such commitment must be for the purpose of exercising active control over the child, including, but not 1144

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limited to, custody, care, training, urine monitoring, and treatment of the child and release of the child <u>from residential</u> <u>commitment</u> into the community in a postcommitment nonresidential conditional release program. If the child is eligible to attend public school following <u>residential</u> commitment and the court finds that the victim or a sibling of the victim in the case is or may be attending the same school as the child, the commitment order shall include a finding pursuant to the proceedings described in s. 985.23(1)(d). If the child is not successful in the conditional release program, the department may use the transfer procedure under s. 985.404. Notwithstanding s. 743.07 and paragraph (d), and except as provided in s. 985.31, the term of the commitment must be until the child is discharged by the department or until he or she reaches the age of 21.

- 4. Revoke or suspend the driver's license of the child.
- 5. Require the child and, if the court finds it appropriate, the child's parent or guardian together with the child, to render community service in a public service program.
- 6. As part of the probation program to be implemented by the Department of Juvenile Justice, or, in the case of a committed child, as part of the community-based sanctions ordered by the court at the disposition hearing or before the child's release from commitment, order the child to make restitution in money, through a promissory note cosigned by the child's parent or guardian, or in kind for any damage or loss caused by the child's offense in a reasonable amount or manner to be determined by the court. The clerk of the circuit court shall be the receiving and dispensing agent. In such case, the

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court shall order the child or the child's parent or guardian to pay to the office of the clerk of the circuit court an amount not to exceed the actual cost incurred by the clerk as a result of receiving and dispensing restitution payments. The clerk shall notify the court if restitution is not made, and the court shall take any further action that is necessary against the child or the child's parent or guardian. A finding by the court, after a hearing, that the parent or guardian has made diligent and good faith efforts to prevent the child from engaging in delinquent acts absolves the parent or guardian of liability for restitution under this subparagraph.

- 7. Order the child and, if the court finds it appropriate, the child's parent or guardian together with the child, to participate in a community work project, either as an alternative to monetary restitution or as part of the rehabilitative or probation program.
- 8. Commit the child to the Department of Juvenile Justice for placement in a program or facility for serious or habitual juvenile offenders in accordance with s. 985.31. Any commitment of a child to a program or facility for serious or habitual juvenile offenders must be for an indeterminate period of time, but the time may not exceed the maximum term of imprisonment that an adult may serve for the same offense. The court may retain jurisdiction over such child until the child reaches the age of 21, specifically for the purpose of the child completing the program.
- 9. In addition to the sanctions imposed on the child, order the parent or guardian of the child to perform community Page 43 of 54

service if the court finds that the parent or guardian did not make a diligent and good faith effort to prevent the child from engaging in delinquent acts. The court may also order the parent or guardian to make restitution in money or in kind for any damage or loss caused by the child's offense. The court shall determine a reasonable amount or manner of restitution, and payment shall be made to the clerk of the circuit court as provided in subparagraph 6.

- 10. Subject to specific appropriation, commit the juvenile sexual offender to the Department of Juvenile Justice for placement in a program or facility for juvenile sexual offenders in accordance with s. 985.308. Any commitment of a juvenile sexual offender to a program or facility for juvenile sexual offenders must be for an indeterminate period of time, but the time may not exceed the maximum term of imprisonment that an adult may serve for the same offense. The court may retain jurisdiction over a juvenile sexual offender until the juvenile sexual offender reaches the age of 21, specifically for the purpose of completing the program.
- (d) Any commitment of a delinquent child to the Department of Juvenile Justice must be for an indeterminate period of time, which may include periods of temporary release; however, but the period of time may not exceed the maximum term of imprisonment that an adult may serve for the same offense, except that the duration of a minimum-risk nonresidential commitment for an offense that is a misdemeanor of the second degree, or is equivalent to a misdemeanor of the second degree, may be for a period not to exceed 6 months. The duration of the child's

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1229 placement in a residential commitment program of any 1230 restrictiveness level shall be based on objective performance-1231 based treatment planning. The child's treatment plan progress 1232 and adjustment-related issues shall be reported to the court 1233 each month. The child's length of stay in a residential commitment program may be extended if the child fails to comply 1234 1235 with or participate in treatment activities. The child's length 1236 of stay in the such program shall not be extended for purposes 1237 of sanction or punishment. Any temporary release from such 1238 program must be approved by the court. Any child so committed may be discharged from institutional confinement or a program 1239 upon the direction of the department with the concurrence of the 1240 1241 court. The child's treatment plan progress and adjustment-1242 related issues must be communicated to the court at the time the 1243 department requests the court to consider releasing the child 1244 from the residential commitment program. Notwithstanding s. 743.07 and this subsection, and except as provided in ss. 1245 985.201 and 985.31, a child may not be held under a commitment 1246 1247 from a court under pursuant to this section after becoming 21 1248 years of age. The department shall give the court that committed 1249 the child to the department reasonable notice, in writing, of its desire to discharge the child from a commitment facility. 1250 1251 The court that committed the child may thereafter accept or 1252 reject the request. If the court does not respond within 10 days 1253 after receipt of the notice, the request of the department shall 1254 be deemed granted. This section does not limit the department's 1255 authority to revoke a child's temporary release status and

return the child to a commitment facility for any violation of the terms and conditions of the temporary release.

- (2) Following a delinquency adjudicatory hearing pursuant to s. 985.228 and a delinquency disposition hearing pursuant to s. 985.23 which results in a commitment determination, the court shall, on its own or upon request by the state or the department, determine whether the protection of the public requires that the child be placed in a program for serious or habitual juvenile offenders and whether the particular needs of the child would be best served by a program for serious or habitual juvenile offenders as provided in s. 985.31. The determination shall be made pursuant to ss. 985.03(49)(48) and 985.23(3).
- Section 10. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 1270 985.2311, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 985.2311 Cost of supervision; cost of care.--
- 1272 (1) Except as provided in subsection (3) or subsection 1273 (4):
 - (a) When any child is placed into home detention, probation, or other supervision status with the Department of Juvenile Justice, or is committed to the minimum-risk nonresidential restrictiveness level, the court shall order the parent of such child to pay to the department a fee for the cost of the supervision of such child in the amount of \$1 per day for each day that the child is in <u>such supervision</u> status.
- Section 11. Section 985.313, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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1283 985.313 Juvenile correctional facilities or juvenile 1284 prison. -- A juvenile correctional facility or juvenile prison is 1285 a physically secure residential commitment program with a 1286 designated length of stay from 18 months to 36 months, primarily 1287 serving children 13 years of age to 19 years of age, or until 1288 the jurisdiction of the court expires. The court may retain 1289 jurisdiction over the child until the child reaches the age of 1290 21, specifically for the purpose of the child completing the program. Each child committed to this level must meet one of the 1291 following criteria: 1292 1293 The youth is at least 13 years of age at the time of 1294 the disposition for the current offense and has been adjudicated on the current offense for: 1295

- 1296 (a) Arson;
- (b) Sexual battery;
- 1298 (c) Robbery;
- (d) Kidnapping;
- 1300 (e) Aggravated child abuse;
- 1301 (f) Aggravated assault;
- 1302 (g) Aggravated stalking;
- 1303 (h) Murder;
- 1304 (i) Manslaughter;
- 1305 (j) Unlawful throwing, placing, or discharging of a 1306 destructive device or bomb;
- 1307 (k) Armed burglary;
- 1308 (1) Aggravated battery;
- (m) Carjacking;
- 1310 (n) Home-invasion robbery;

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(o) Burglary with an assault or battery;

- (p) Any lewd or lascivious offense committed upon or in the presence of a person less than 16 years of age; or
 - (q) Carrying, displaying, using, threatening to use, or attempting to use a weapon or firearm during the commission of a felony.
 - (2) The youth is at least 13 years of age at the time of the disposition, the current offense is a felony, and the child has previously been committed three or more times to a delinquency commitment program.
 - (3) The youth is at least 13 years of age and is currently committed for a felony offense and transferred from a moderaterisk or high-risk residential commitment placement.
 - (4) The youth is at least 13 years of age at the time of the disposition for the current offense, the youth is eligible for prosecution as an adult for the current offense, and the current offense is ranked at level 7 or higher on the Criminal Punishment Code offense severity ranking chart pursuant to s. 921.0022.
 - Section 12. Subsection (3) of section 985.316, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

985.316 Conditional release.--

(3) For juveniles referred or committed to the department, the function of the department may include, but shall not be limited to, assessing each committed juvenile placed in a residential commitment program to determine the need for conditional release services upon release from the a commitment program, supervising the juvenile when released into the

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community from a residential commitment facility of the department, providing such counseling and other services as may be necessary for the families and assisting their preparations for the return of the child. Subject to specific appropriation, the department shall provide for outpatient sexual offender counseling for any juvenile sexual offender released from a residential commitment program as a component of conditional release.

Section 13. Section 784.075, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

784.075 Battery on detention or commitment facility staff or a juvenile probation officer.—A person who commits a battery on a juvenile probation officer, as defined in s. 984.03 or s. 985.03, on other staff of a detention center or facility as defined in s. 984.03(19) or s. 985.03(20)(19), or on a staff member of a commitment facility as defined in s. 985.03(46)(45), commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. For purposes of this section, a staff member of the facilities listed includes persons employed by the Department of Juvenile Justice, persons employed at facilities licensed by the Department of Juvenile Justice, and persons employed at facilities operated under a contract with the Department of Juvenile Justice.

Section 14. Section 984.05, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

984.05 Rules relating to habitual truants; adoption by State Board of Education and Department of Juvenile Justice.--The Department of Juvenile Justice and the State Board

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of Education shall work together on the development of, and shall adopt, rules as necessary for the implementation of ss. 984.03(27), 985.03(26)(25), and 1003.27.

Section 15. Paragraph (e) of subsection (3) and paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 985.31, Florida Statutes, are amended, and for the purpose of incorporating the amendment to section 985.231, Florida Statutes, in references thereto, paragraph (k) of subsection (3) of said section is reenacted to read:

- 985.31 Serious or habitual juvenile offender.--
- (3) PRINCIPLES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT.--
- (e) After a child has been adjudicated delinquent pursuant to s. 985.228, the court shall determine whether the child meets the criteria for a serious or habitual juvenile offender pursuant to s. $985.03\underline{(49)}\underline{(48)}$. If the court determines that the child does not meet such criteria, the provisions of s. 985.231(1) shall apply.
- (k) Any commitment of a child to the department for placement in a serious or habitual juvenile offender program or facility shall be for an indeterminate period of time, but the time shall not exceed the maximum term of imprisonment which an adult may serve for the same offense. Notwithstanding the provisions of ss. 743.07 and 985.231(1)(d), a serious or habitual juvenile offender shall not be held under commitment from a court pursuant to this section, s. 985.231, or s. 985.233 after becoming 21 years of age. This provision shall apply only for the purpose of completing the serious or habitual juvenile

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offender program pursuant to this chapter and shall be used solely for the purpose of treatment.

- (4) ASSESSMENTS, TESTING, RECORDS, AND INFORMATION.--
- (a) Pursuant to the provisions of this section, the department shall implement the comprehensive assessment instrument for the treatment needs of serious or habitual juvenile offenders and for the assessment, which assessment shall include the criteria under s. 985.03(49)(48) and shall also include, but not be limited to, evaluation of the child's:
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- 2. Proclivity toward violence.
- 3. Tendency toward gang involvement.
- 4. Substance abuse or addiction and the level thereof.
- 5. History of being a victim of child abuse or sexual abuse, or indication of sexual behavior dysfunction.
- 6. Number and type of previous adjudications, findings of quilt, and convictions.
 - 7. Potential for rehabilitation.
- Section 16. Subsection (2) of section 985.3141, Florida
 1414 Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 985.3141 Escapes from secure detention or residential commitment facility. -- An escape from:
 - (2) Any residential commitment facility described in s. 985.03(46)(45), maintained for the custody, treatment, punishment, or rehabilitation of children found to have committed delinquent acts or violations of law; or

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constitutes escape within the intent and meaning of s. 944.40 and is a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

Section 17. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment to section 985.231, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 985.201, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

985.201 Jurisdiction.--

(4)(a) Notwithstanding ss. 743.07, 985.229, 985.23, and 985.231, and except as provided in ss. 985.31 and 985.313, when the jurisdiction of any child who is alleged to have committed a delinquent act or violation of law is obtained, the court shall retain jurisdiction, unless relinquished by its order, until the child reaches 19 years of age, with the same power over the child that the court had prior to the child becoming an adult.

Section 18. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment to section 985.231, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section 985.233, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

985.233 Sentencing powers; procedures; alternatives for juveniles prosecuted as adults.--

- (4) SENTENCING ALTERNATIVES. --
- (b) Sentencing to juvenile sanctions.--For juveniles transferred to adult court but who do not qualify for such transfer pursuant to s. 985.226(2)(b) or s. 985.227(2)(a) or (b), the court may impose juvenile sanctions under this paragraph. If juvenile sentences are imposed, the court shall, pursuant to this paragraph, adjudge the child to have committed

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a delinquent act. Adjudication of delinquency shall not be deemed a conviction, nor shall it operate to impose any of the civil disabilities ordinarily resulting from a conviction. The court shall impose an adult sanction or a juvenile sanction and may not sentence the child to a combination of adult and juvenile punishments. An adult sanction or a juvenile sanction may include enforcement of an order of restitution or probation previously ordered in any juvenile proceeding. However, if the court imposes a juvenile sanction and the department determines that the sanction is unsuitable for the child, the department shall return custody of the child to the sentencing court for further proceedings, including the imposition of adult sanctions. Upon adjudicating a child delinquent under subsection (1), the court may:

- 1. Place the child in a probation program under the supervision of the department for an indeterminate period of time until the child reaches the age of 19 years or sooner if discharged by order of the court.
- 2. Commit the child to the department for treatment in an appropriate program for children for an indeterminate period of time until the child is 21 or sooner if discharged by the department. The department shall notify the court of its intent to discharge no later than 14 days prior to discharge. Failure of the court to timely respond to the department's notice shall be considered approval for discharge.
- 3. Order disposition pursuant to s. 985.231 as an alternative to youthful offender or adult sentencing if the

court determines not to impose youthful offender or adult sanctions.

It is the intent of the Legislature that the criteria and guidelines in this subsection are mandatory and that a determination of disposition under this subsection is subject to the right of the child to appellate review under s. 985.234.

Section 19. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment to section 985.231, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, paragraph (e) of subsection (3) of section 985.311, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

985.311 Intensive residential treatment program for offenders less than 13 years of age.--

- (3) PRINCIPLES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT.--
- (e) After a child has been adjudicated delinquent pursuant to s. 985.228(5), the court shall determine whether the child is eligible for an intensive residential treatment program for offenders less than 13 years of age pursuant to s. 985.03(7). If the court determines that the child does not meet the criteria, the provisions of s. 985.231(1) shall apply.

1498 Section 20. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

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