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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to juvenile justice; amending
3	s. 985.215, F.S.; requiring electronic
4	monitoring of juveniles who are adjudicated and
5	awaiting placement in a commitment program in
б	detention care; requiring electronic monitoring
7	of juvenile sexual offenders released from
8	detention and transferred to home detention or
9	nonsecure detention; amending s. 985.216, F.S.;
10	providing for electronic monitoring as an
11	alternative sanction for a child who has
12	committed direct contempt of court or indirect
13	contempt of a valid court order; amending s.
14	985.233, F.S.; providing for sentencing certain
15	juveniles transferred to adult court to the
16	sanction of electronic monitoring; authorizing
17	the court to sentence a child adjudicated
18	delinquent to a community control program,
19	which may include electronic monitoring;
20	providing an effective date.
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22	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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24	Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (10) and
25	paragraph (b) of subsection (11) of section 985.215, Florida
26	Statutes, are amended to read:
27	985.215 Detention
28	(10)(a)1. When a child is committed to the Department
29	of Juvenile Justice awaiting dispositional placement, removal
30	of the child from detention care shall occur within 5 days,
31	excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays. Any child
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1 held in secure detention during the 5 days must meet detention 2 admission criteria pursuant to this section. If the child is committed to a moderate-risk residential program, the 3 department may seek an order from the court authorizing 4 continued detention for a specific period of time necessary 5 6 for the appropriate residential placement of the child. 7 However, such continued detention in secure detention care may 8 not exceed 15 days after commitment, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, and except as otherwise provided 9 10 in this subsection. 2. The court must place all children who are 11 12 adjudicated and awaiting placement in a residential commitment 13 program in detention care. Children who are in home detention care or nonsecure detention care shall may be placed on 14 electronic monitoring. 15 16 (11)17 (b) When a juvenile sexual offender, pursuant to this subsection, is released from detention or transferred to home 18 detention or nonsecure detention, the juvenile sexual offender 19 shall be placed on electronic monitoring and detention staff 20 21 shall immediately notify the appropriate law enforcement 22 agency and school personnel. 23 Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 985.216, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 24 985.216 Punishment for contempt of court; alternative 25 sanctions.--26 27 (3) ALTERNATIVE SANCTIONS. -- Each judicial circuit 2.8 shall have an alternative sanctions coordinator who shall 29 serve under the chief administrative judge of the juvenile division of the circuit court, and who shall coordinate and 30 maintain a spectrum of contempt sanction alternatives, which 31 2

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1 may include electronic monitoring, in conjunction with the 2 circuit plan implemented in accordance with s. 790.22(4)(c). Upon determining that a child has committed direct contempt of 3 court or indirect contempt of a valid court order, the court 4 5 may immediately request the alternative sanctions coordinator 6 to recommend the most appropriate available alternative 7 sanction and shall order the child to perform up to 50 hours 8 of community-service manual labor, be placed on electronic 9 monitoring, or a similar alternative sanction, unless an alternative sanction is unavailable or inappropriate, or 10 unless the child has failed to comply with a prior alternative 11 12 sanction. Alternative contempt sanctions may be provided by 13 local industry or by any nonprofit organization or any public or private business or service entity that has entered into a 14 contract with the Department of Juvenile Justice to act as an 15 agent of the state to provide voluntary supervision of 16 17 children on behalf of the state in exchange for the manual 18 labor of children and limited immunity in accordance with s. 768.28(11). 19 Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section 20 21 985.233, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 22 985.233 Sentencing powers; procedures; alternatives 23 for juveniles prosecuted as adults .--(4) SENTENCING ALTERNATIVES.--2.4 (b) Sentencing to juvenile sanctions.--For juveniles 25 transferred to adult court but who do not qualify for such 26 27 transfer pursuant to s. 985.226(2)(b) or s. 985.227(2)(a) or 2.8 (b), the court may impose juvenile sanctions under this 29 paragraph. If juvenile sentences are imposed, the court shall, pursuant to this paragraph, adjudge the child to have 30 committed a delinquent act. Adjudication of delinquency shall 31 3

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1 not be deemed a conviction, nor shall it operate to impose any 2 of the civil disabilities ordinarily resulting from a conviction. The court shall impose an adult sanction or a 3 juvenile sanction and may not sentence the child to a 4 combination of adult and juvenile punishments. An adult 5 6 sanction or a juvenile sanction may include electronic 7 monitoring, enforcement of an order of restitution, or probation previously ordered in any juvenile proceeding. 8 However, if the court imposes a juvenile sanction and the 9 10 department determines that the sanction is unsuitable for the child, the department shall return custody of the child to the 11 12 sentencing court for further proceedings, including the 13 imposition of adult sanctions. Upon adjudicating a child delinquent under subsection (1), the court may: 14 1. Place the child in a probation program or community 15 control program under the supervision of the department for an 16 17 indeterminate period of time until the child reaches the age of 19 years or sooner if discharged by order of the court. \underline{A} 18 community control program may include electronic monitoring. 19 20 2. Commit the child to the department for treatment in 21 an appropriate program for children for an indeterminate 22 period of time until the child is 21 or sooner if discharged 23 by the department. The department shall notify the court of its intent to discharge no later than 14 days prior to 2.4 discharge. Failure of the court to timely respond to the 25 department's notice shall be considered approval for 26 27 discharge. 2.8 3. Order disposition pursuant to s. 985.231 as an alternative to youthful offender or adult sentencing if the 29 court determines not to impose youthful offender or adult 30 31 sanctions.

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1	Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.
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4	SENATE SUMMARY
5	Provides for the state attorney to authorize the electronic monitoring of juveniles who are released from
6	detention. Provides for electronic monitoring as an alternative sanction for a child that has committed
7	direct contempt of court or indirect contempt of a valid court order, or as a condition of a probation program.
8	Requires electronic monitoring of juveniles who are adjudicated and awaiting placement in a commitment program in detention care. Requires electronic monitoring of juvenile sexual offenders who are released from detention and transferred to home detention or nonsecure
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