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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to youthful offenders; amending s. 958.045, F.S.; providing for notice to state attorneys prior to placement of juvenile offenders in boot camp programs; revising sentencing provisions for juvenile offenders who violate the terms of their probation; providing an effective date.

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

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Subsection (2) and paragraph (c) of subsection Section 1. (5) of section 958.045, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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958.045 Youthful offender basic training and boot camp programs program. --

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(2)(a) Upon receipt of a youthful offender offenders, the department shall screen the offender offenders for the basic training program or a boot camp program pursuant to s. 985.309, when available. To participate, an offender must have no physical limitations that preclude participation in strenuous activity, must not be impaired, and must not have been previously incarcerated in a state or federal correctional facility. In screening an offender offenders for the programs basic training program, the department shall consider the offender's criminal history and the possible rehabilitative benefits of "shock" incarceration. For placement in a boot camp

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If an offender meets the specified criteria and space is available, the department shall request, in writing from the

program, an offender must meet the criteria in s. 985.309.

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sentencing court, approval for the offender to participate in a the basic training or boot camp program. When If the person is classified by the department as a youthful offender and the department requests is requesting approval from the sentencing court for placement of an offender in a basic training or boot camp the program, the department shall, at the same time, notify the state attorney that the offender is being considered for placement in the requested basic training program. The notice must explain that the purpose of such placement is diversion from lengthy incarceration when a short "shock" incarceration could produce the same deterrent effect, and that the state attorney may, within 14 days after the mailing of the notice, notify the sentencing court in writing of objections, if any, to the placement of the offender in the requested basic training program.

- (c) The sentencing court shall notify the department in writing of placement approval no later than 21 days after receipt of the department's request for placement of the youthful offender in the requested basic training program. Failure to notify the department within 21 days shall be considered an approval by the sentencing court for placing the youthful offender in the requested basic training program. Each state attorney may develop procedures for notifying the victim that the offender is being considered for placement in the basic training or boot camp program.
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(c) The portion of the sentence served prior to placement in the basic training program may not be counted toward program

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completion. Upon the offender's completion of the basic training program, the department shall submit a report to the court that describes the offender's performance. If the offender's performance has been satisfactory, the court shall issue an order modifying the sentence imposed and placing the offender on probation. The term of probation may include placement in a community residential program. If the offender violates the conditions of probation, the court may revoke probation and impose any sentence that it might have originally imposed as a condition of probation.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.