

1 to take youth into custody is specifically limited to this
2 purpose.

3 (2) A youth custody officer who, while in the
4 performance of his or her duties, takes a youth into custody
5 for any reason specified in subsection (1) and has probable
6 cause to believe that the youth has committed violations of
7 criminal law, may file the appropriate criminal charges and
8 gather evidence for prosecution. Each youth custody officer is
9 subject to and shall have the same arrest and other authority
10 provided for law enforcement officers generally in chapter
11 901, and shall have statewide jurisdiction. Such officers have
12 full law enforcement powers granted to other peace officers of
13 this state, including the authority to make arrests, carry
14 firearms, serve court process, and seize contraband and the
15 proceeds of illegal activities, except that a youth custody
16 officer may not exercise any power or duty authorized in
17 chapter 316 or in s. 901.15(5).

18 ~~(3)(2)~~ A youth custody officer must meet the minimum
19 qualifications for employment or appointment, be certified as
20 a law enforcement officer under chapter 943, and comply with
21 the requirements for continued employment required by s.
22 943.135. The Department of Juvenile Justice must comply with
23 the responsibilities provided for an employing agency under s.
24 943.133 for each youth custody officer.

25 ~~(4)(3)~~ A youth custody officer shall inform
26 appropriate local law enforcement agencies of his or her
27 activities under this section.

28 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.
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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
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Senate Bill 1398

Provides that a youth custody officer would be given full law enforcement powers granted to other peace officers in Florida, including the authority to make arrests, carry firearms, serve court process, and seize contraband and the proceeds of illegal activities.