Florida Senate - 2006

By Senator Wilson

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                        A bill to be entitled
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           An act relating to juvenile records; amending
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           s. 943.051, F.S.; deleting the requirement that
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           a minor who is charged with certain offenses be
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           fingerprinted; amending s. 943.053, F.S.;
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           prohibiting the Department of Law Enforcement
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           from releasing any criminal history information
           relating to minors without the corresponding
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           disposition information; amending s. 985.212,
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           F.S.; limiting the use of certain juvenile
           records; requiring that the clerk of the court
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           submit disposition information to the
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           department under certain circumstances;
           providing an effective date.
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   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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           Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 943.051, Florida
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    Statutes, is amended to read:
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           943.051 Criminal justice information; collection and
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    storage; fingerprinting. --
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           (3)(a) A minor who is charged with or found to have
    committed an offense that would be a felony if committed by an
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    adult shall be fingerprinted and the fingerprints shall be
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    submitted to the department in the manner prescribed by rule.
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           (b) A minor who is charged with or found to have
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    committed the following offenses shall be fingerprinted and
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    the fingerprints shall be submitted to the department:
           1. Assault, as defined in s. 784.011.
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2. Battery, as defined in s. 784.03.

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1 3. Carrying a concealed weapon, as defined in s. 2 790.01(1). 4. Unlawful use of destructive devices or bombs, as 3 defined in s. 790.1615(1). 4 5 5. Negligent treatment of children, as defined in s. 6 827.05. 7 6. Assault or battery on a law enforcement officer, a firefighter, or other specified officers, as defined in s. 8 9 784.07(2)(a) and (b). 7. Open carrying of a weapon, as defined in s. 10 790.053. 11 12 8. Exposure of sexual organs, as defined in s. 800.03. 13 9. Unlawful possession of a firearm, as defined in s. 790.22(5). 14 10. Petit theft, as defined in s. 812.014(3). 15 11. Cruelty to animals, as defined in s. 828.12(1). 16 17 12. Arson, as defined in s. 806.031(1). 18 13. Unlawful possession or discharge of a weapon or firearm at a school-sponsored event or on school property as 19 defined in s. 790.115. 2.0 21 Section 2. Subsection (10) is added to section 22 943.053, Florida Statutes, to read: 23 943.053 Dissemination of criminal justice information; fees.--2.4 25 (10) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Department of Law Enforcement may not release any criminal 26 27 history information relating to a minor without the 2.8 corresponding disposition information. Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 985.212, Florida 29 30 Statutes, is amended to read: 985.212 Fingerprinting and photographing.--31

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1 (1)(a) A child who is charged with or found to have committed an offense that would be a felony if committed by an 2 adult shall be fingerprinted and the fingerprints must be 3 submitted to the Department of Law Enforcement as provided in 4 s. 943.051(3)(a). 5 6 (b) A child who is charged with or found to have 7 committed one of the following offenses shall be fingerprinted, and the fingerprints shall be submitted to the 8 Department of Law Enforcement as provided in s. 943.051(3)(b): 9 10 1. Assault, as defined in s. 784.011. 2. Battery, as defined in s. 784.03. 11 12 3. Carrying a concealed weapon, as defined in s. 790.01(1). 13 4. Unlawful use of destructive devices or bombs, as 14 defined in s. 790.1615(1). 15 5. Negligent treatment of children, as defined in 16 17 former s. 827.05. 6. Assault on a law enforcement officer, a 18 firefighter, or other specified officers, as defined in s. 19 784.07(2)(a). 20 21 7. Open carrying of a weapon, as defined in s. 22 790.053. 23 8. Exposure of sexual organs, as defined in s. 800.03. 9. Unlawful possession of a firearm, as defined in s. 2.4 790.22(5). 25 10. Petit theft, as defined in s. 812.014. 26 27 11. Cruelty to animals, as defined in s. 828.12(1). 2.8 12. Arson, resulting in bodily harm to a firefighter, as defined in s. 806.031(1). 29 30 31

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1 13. Unlawful possession or discharge of a weapon or 2 firearm at a school-sponsored event or on school property as defined in s. 790.115. 3 (c) A law enforcement agency may fingerprint and 4 5 photograph a child taken into custody upon probable cause that б the such child has committed any other violation of law, as 7 the agency deems appropriate. The Such fingerprint records and 8 photographs shall be retained by the law enforcement agency in 9 a separate file, and these records and all copies thereof must be marked "Juvenile Confidential." These records are not 10 available for public disclosure and inspection under s. 11 12 119.07(1) except as provided in ss. 943.053 and 985.04(5), but 13 shall be available to other law enforcement agencies, criminal justice agencies, state attorneys, the courts, the child, the 14 parents or legal custodians of the child, their attorneys, and 15 any other person authorized by the court to have access to the 16 17 such records. In addition, the such records may be submitted to the Department of Law Enforcement for inclusion in the 18 state criminal history records and used by criminal justice 19 agencies for criminal justice purposes only as provided under 20 21 paragraphs (a) and (b). These records may, in the discretion 22 of the court, be open to inspection by anyone upon a showing 23 of cause. The fingerprint and photograph records shall be produced in the court whenever directed by the court. Any 2.4 photograph taken pursuant to this section may be shown by a 25 26 law enforcement officer to any victim or witness of a crime 27 for the purpose of identifying the person who committed the 2.8 such crime. 29 (d) (c) The court shall be responsible for the 30 fingerprinting of any child at the disposition hearing if the 31

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1	child has been adjudicated or had adjudication withheld for
2	any felony in the case currently before the court.
3	(e) If a child is found to have committed an offense
4	that would be a felony if committed by an adult, or one of the
5	offenses listed in paragraph (b), the clerk of the court shall
б	submit the disposition information to the department within 60
7	days after the disposition hearing.
8	Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.
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11	SENATE SUMMARY
12	Revises the requirement concerning fingerprinting of juveniles to include only a minor who is found to have
13	committed a certain offense. Prohibits the Department of Law Enforcement from releasing any criminal history
14	information relating to minors without the corresponding disposition information. Requires that the clerk of the
15	court submit disposition information to the department under certain circumstances.
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