### Florida Senate - 2008

By the Committee on Criminal Justice

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to juvenile justice; amending s. 985.03,
3	F.S.; defining the term "ordinary medical care"; amending
4	s. 985.04, F.S.; providing that confidential information
5	obtained during an official's service with juvenile
6	delinquents may be shared with authorized personnel of the
7	Department of Children and Family Services; amending s.
8	985.494, F.S.; removing references to the early
9	delinquency intervention program when the court considers
10	where to commit a delinquent; amending s. 985.601, F.S.;
11	requiring the Department of Juvenile Justice to adopt
12	rules to establish procedures to provide ordinary medical
13	care, mental health, substance abuse, and developmental
14	disabilities services to youth within the juvenile justice
15	continuum; requiring that, to the extent possible within
16	available fiscal resources, the procedures must be
17	commensurate with procedures that youth receive in the
18	community; amending s. 985.644, F.S.; deleting references
19	to the Department of Children and Family Services for
20	contracting services that carry out the purposes of the
21	Department of Juvenile Justice; amending s. 985.66, F.S.;
22	transferring the responsibility for the juvenile justice
23	training program from the Juvenile Justice Standards and
24	Training Commission to the Department of Juvenile Justice;
25	requiring the department to adopt rules; repealing s.
26	985.61, F.S., relating to the early delinquency
27	intervention program; amending s. 985.721, F.S.;
28	conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.
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591-04222-08 20082154 30 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 31 32 Section 1. Subsections (39) through (57) of section 985.03, 33 Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (40) through 34 (58), respectively, and a new subsection (38) is added to that 35 section, to read: 36 985.03 Definitions.--As used in this chapter, the term: 37 (38) "Ordinary medical care" means medical procedures that 38 are administered or performed on a routine basis and that do not 39 involve hospitalization, surgery, or the use of general anesthesia and include, but are not limited to, inoculations, 40 41 physical examinations, and remedial treatment for minor illnesses 42 and injuries. 43 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 985.04, Florida 44 Statutes, is amended to read: 45 985.04 Oaths; records; confidential information.--46 (1) Except as provided in subsections (2), (3), (6), and (7) and s. 943.053, all information obtained under this chapter 47 48 in the discharge of official duty by any judge, any employee of 49 the court, any authorized agent of the department, the Parole 50 Commission, the Department of Corrections, the Department of 51 Children and Family Services, the juvenile justice circuit 52 boards, any law enforcement agent, or any licensed professional 53 or licensed community agency representative participating in the 54 assessment or treatment of a juvenile is confidential and may be 55 disclosed only to the authorized personnel of the court, the 56 department and its designees, the Department of Corrections, the 57 Department of Children and Family Services, the Parole

58 Commission, law enforcement agents, school superintendents and

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their designees, any licensed professional or licensed community 59 60 agency representative participating in the assessment or treatment of a juvenile, and others entitled under this chapter 61 to receive that information, or upon order of the court. Within 62 63 each county, the sheriff, the chiefs of police, the district 64 school superintendent, and the department shall enter into an interagency agreement for the purpose of sharing information 65 66 about juvenile offenders among all parties. The agreement must 67 specify the conditions under which summary criminal history 68 information is to be made available to appropriate school personnel, and the conditions under which school records are to 69 70 be made available to appropriate department personnel. Such 71 agreement shall require notification to any classroom teacher of 72 assignment to the teacher's classroom of a juvenile who has been 73 placed in a probation or commitment program for a felony offense. 74 The agencies entering into such agreement must comply with s. 75 943.0525, and must maintain the confidentiality of information 76 that is otherwise exempt from s. 119.07(1), as provided by law.

Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 985.494, FloridaStatutes, is amended to read:

79 985.494 Commitment programs for juvenile felony 80 offenders.--

(1) Notwithstanding any other law and regardless of the child's age, a child who is adjudicated delinquent, or for whom adjudication is withheld, for an act that would be a felony if committed by an adult, shall be committed to:

(a) A sheriff's training and respect program under s.
985.4891 if the child has participated in an early delinquency
intervention program as provided in s. 985.61.

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(b) A program for serious or habitual juvenile offenders under s. 985.47 or an intensive residential treatment program for offenders less than 13 years of age under s. 985.483, if the child has participated in an early delinquency intervention program and has completed a sheriff's training and respect program.

94 (C) A maximum-risk residential program, if the child has 95 participated in an early delinquency intervention program, has 96 completed a sheriff's training and respect program, and has 97 completed a program for serious or habitual juvenile offenders or an intensive residential treatment program for offenders less 98 99 than 13 years of age. The commitment of a child to a maximum-risk 100 residential program must be for an indeterminate period, but may not exceed the maximum term of imprisonment that an adult may 101 102 serve for the same offense.

103 Section 4. Subsection (2) of section 985.601, Florida
104 Statutes, is amended to read:

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985.601 Administering the juvenile justice continuum.--

106 (2) (a) The department shall develop and implement an 107 appropriate continuum of care that provides individualized, 108 multidisciplinary assessments, objective evaluations of relative 109 risks, and the matching of needs with placements for all children 100 under its care, and that uses a system of case management to 111 facilitate each child being appropriately assessed, provided with 112 services, and placed in a program that meets the child's needs.

(b) As part of the continuum of services, the department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 120 establishing procedures to provide ordinary medical care, mental health, substance abuse, and developmental disabilities services to youth within the

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117 juvenile justice continuum as defined in s. 985.03. These 118 procedures shall, to the extent possible within available fiscal 119 resources, be commensurate with procedures that youth receive in 120 the community. Further, these procedures must ensure that the ordinary medical care, mental health, substance abuse, and 121 122 developmental disabilities services in department programs and 123 facilities are rendered in accordance with existing state and 124 federal health care statutes, regulations, and rules.

125 Section 5. Section 985.644, Florida Statutes, is amended to 126 read:

127 985.644 Departmental contracting powers; personnel128 standards and screening.--

(1) The department of Juvenile Justice or the Department of Children and Family Services, as appropriate, may contract with the Federal Government, other state departments and agencies, county and municipal governments and agencies, public and private agencies, and private individuals and corporations in carrying out the purposes of, and the responsibilities established in, this chapter.

136 When the department of Juvenile Justice or the (a) Department of Children and Family Services contracts with a 137 138 provider for any program for children, all personnel, including 139 owners, operators, employees, and volunteers, in the facility 140 must be of good moral character. Each contract entered into by 141 either department for services delivered on an appointment or 142 intermittent basis by a provider that does not have regular custodial responsibility for children and each contract with a 143 school for before or aftercare services must ensure that the 144 145 owners, operators, and all personnel who have direct contact with

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146 children are of good moral character. A volunteer who assists on 147 an intermittent basis for less than 40 hours per month need not 148 be screened if the volunteer is under direct and constant 149 supervision by persons who meet the screening requirements.

(b) The department of Juvenile Justice and the Department
of Children and Family Services shall require employment
screening pursuant to chapter 435, using the level 2 standards
set forth in that chapter for personnel in programs for children
or youths.

(c) The department of Juvenile Justice or the Department of Children and Family Services may grant exemptions from disqualification from working with children as provided in s. 435.07.

159 (2) The department may contract with the Federal 160 Government, other state departments and agencies, county and 161 municipal governments and agencies, public and private agencies, 162 and private individuals and corporations in carrying out the 163 purposes and the responsibilities of the delinquency services and 164 programs of the department.

165 (2)(3) The department shall adopt a rule pursuant to 166 chapter 120 establishing a procedure to provide notice of policy 167 changes that affect contracted delinquency services and programs. 168 A policy is defined as an operational requirement that applies to 169 only the specified contracted delinquency service or program. The 170 procedure must shall include:

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(a) Public notice of policy development.

(b) Opportunity for public comment on the proposed policy.
(c) Assessment for fiscal impact upon the department and
providers.

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175 (d) The department's response to comments received. 176 (4) When the department contracts with a provider for any 177 delinquency service or program, all personnel, including all owners, operators, employees, and volunteers in the facility or 178 179 providing the service or program shall be of good moral 180 character. A volunteer who assists on an intermittent basis for 181 less than 40 hours per month is not required to be screened if 182 the volunteer is under direct and constant supervision by persons 183 who meet the screening requirements.

184 <u>(3)(5)(a)</u> For any person employed by the department, or by 185 a provider under contract with the department, in delinquency 186 facilities, services, or programs, the department shall require:

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 1. A level 2 employment screening pursuant to chapter 435
 188 prior to employment.

189 2. A federal criminal records check by the Federal Bureau
190 of Investigation every 5 years following the date of the person's
191 employment.

(b) Except for law enforcement, correctional, and correctional probation officers, to whom s. 943.13(5) applies, the department shall electronically submit to the Department of Law Enforcement:

Fingerprint information obtained during the employment
 screening required by subparagraph (a)1.

198 2. Beginning on December 15, 2005, fingerprint information 199 for all persons employed by the department, or by a provider 200 under contract with the department, in delinquency facilities, 201 services, or programs if such fingerprint information has not 202 previously been electronically submitted to the Department of Law 203 Enforcement under this paragraph.

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204 All fingerprint information electronically submitted to (C) 205 the Department of Law Enforcement under paragraph (b) shall be 206 retained by the Department of Law Enforcement and entered into 207 the statewide automated fingerprint identification system 208 authorized by s. 943.05(2)(b). Thereafter, such fingerprint 209 information shall be available for all purposes and uses 210 authorized for arrest fingerprint information entered into the 211 statewide automated fingerprint identification system pursuant to 212 s. 943.051 until the fingerprint information is removed under pursuant to paragraph (e). The Department of Law Enforcement 213 214 shall search all arrest fingerprint information received pursuant 215 to s. 943.051 against the fingerprint information entered into 216 the statewide automated fingerprint system under pursuant to this 217 subsection. Any arrest records identified as a result of the 218 search shall be reported to the department in the manner and 219 timeframe established by the Department of Law Enforcement by 220 rule.

The department shall pay an annual fee to the 221 (d) 222 Department of Law Enforcement for its costs resulting from the 223 fingerprint information retention services required by this 224 subsection. The amount of the annual fee and procedures for the 225 submission and retention of fingerprint information and for the 226 dissemination of search results shall be established by the 227 Department of Law Enforcement by adopting a rule that is 228 applicable to the department individually under pursuant to this 229 subsection or that is applicable to the department and other 230 employing agencies pursuant to rulemaking authority otherwise 231 provided by law.

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The department shall notify the Department of Law 232 (e) 233 Enforcement when a person whose fingerprint information is 234 retained by the Department of Law Enforcement under this 235 subsection is no longer employed by the department, or by a 236 provider under contract with the department, in a delinquency 237 facility, service, or program. This notice shall be provided by 238 the department to the Department of Law Enforcement no later than 239 6 months after the date of the change in the person's employment 240 status. Fingerprint information for persons identified by the 241 department in the notice shall be removed from the statewide 242 automated fingerprint system.

243 <u>(4)(6)</u> The department may grant exemptions from 244 disqualification from working with children as provided in s. 245 435.07.

246 Section 6. Section 985.66, Florida Statutes, is amended to 247 read:

248 985.66 Juvenile justice training academies; Juvenile 249 Justice Standards and Training Commission; Juvenile Justice 250 Training Trust Fund.--

251 LEGISLATIVE PURPOSE. -- In order to enable the state to (1)252 provide a systematic approach to staff development and training 253 for judges, state attorneys, public defenders, law enforcement 254 officers, school district personnel, and juvenile justice program 255 staff that will meet the needs of such persons in their discharge 256 of duties while at the same time meeting the requirements for the 257 American Correction Association accreditation by the Commission 258 on Accreditation for Corrections, it is the purpose of the 259 Legislature to require the department to establish, maintain, and 260 oversee the operation of juvenile justice training academies in

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261 the state. The purpose of the Legislature in establishing staff 262 development and training programs is to foster better staff 263 morale and reduce mistreatment and aggressive and abusive 264 behavior in delinquency programs; to positively impact the recidivism of children in the juvenile justice system; and to 265 266 afford greater protection of the public through an improved level 267 of services delivered by a professionally trained juvenile 268 justice program staff to children who are alleged to be or who 269 have been found to be delinguent.

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(2) JUVENILE JUSTICE STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION. --

271 (a) There is created under the Department of Juvenile 272 Justice the Juvenile Justice Standards and Training Commission, 273 hereinafter referred to as the commission. The 17-member 274 commission shall consist of the Attorney General or designee, the 275 Commissioner of Education or designee, a member of the juvenile court judiciary to be appointed by the Chief Justice of the 276 277 Supreme Court, and 14 members to be appointed by the Secretary of 278 Juvenile Justice as follows:

279 1. Seven members shall be juvenile justice professionals: a 280 superintendent or a direct care staff member from an institution; 281 a director from a contracted community-based program; a 282 superintendent and a direct care staff member from a regional 283 detention center or facility; a juvenile probation officer 284 supervisor and a juvenile probation officer; and a director of a 285 day treatment or conditional release program. No fewer than three 286 of these members shall be contract providers. 287

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 287 2. Two members shall be representatives of local law
 288 enforcement agencies.

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289	3. One member shall be an educator from the state's
290	university and community college program of criminology, criminal
291	justice administration, social work, psychology, sociology, or
292	other field of study pertinent to the training of juvenile
293	justice program staff.
294	4. One member shall be a member of the public.
295	5. One member shall be a state attorney, or assistant state
296	attorney, who has juvenile court experience.
297	6. One member shall be a public defender, or assistant
298	public defender, who has juvenile court experience.
299	7. One member shall be a representative of the business
300	community.
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302	All appointed members shall be appointed to serve terms of 2
303	<del>years.</del>
304	(b) The composition of the commission shall be broadly
305	reflective of the public and shall include minorities and women.
306	The term "minorities" as used in this paragraph means a member of
307	a socially or economically disadvantaged group that includes
308	blacks, Hispanics, and American Indians.
309	(c) The Department of Juvenile Justice shall provide the
310	commission with staff necessary to assist the commission in the
311	performance of its duties.
312	(d) The commission shall annually elect its chairperson and
313	other officers. The commission shall hold at least four regular
314	meetings each year at the call of the chairperson or upon the
315	written request of three members of the commission. A majority of
316	the members of the commission constitutes a quorum. Members of
317	the commission shall serve without compensation but are entitled

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318 to be reimbursed for per diem and travel expenses as provided by 319 s. 112.061 and these expenses shall be paid from the Juvenile 320 Justice Training Trust Fund.

321 (e) The <u>department</u> powers, duties, and functions of the 322 commission shall be to:

323 (a) 1. Designate the location of the training academies; 324 develop, implement, maintain, and update the curriculum to be 325 used in the training of juvenile justice program staff; establish 326 timeframes for participation in and completion of training by juvenile justice program staff; develop, implement, maintain, and 327 update job-related examinations; develop, implement, and update 328 329 the types and frequencies of evaluations of the training 330 academies; approve, modify, or disapprove the budget for the training academies, and the contractor to be selected to organize 331 332 and operate the training academies and to provide the training 333 curriculum.

334 (b)2. Establish uniform minimum job-related training
 335 courses and examinations for juvenile justice program staff.

336 <u>(c)</u><sup>3.</sup> Consult and cooperate with the state or any political 337 subdivision; any private entity or contractor; and with private 338 and public universities, colleges, community colleges, and other 339 educational institutions concerning the development of juvenile 340 justice training and programs or courses of instruction, 341 including, but not limited to, education and training in the 342 areas of juvenile justice.

343 <u>(d)4. Enter into</u> With the approval of the department, make 344 and enter into such contracts and agreements with other agencies, 345 organizations, associations, corporations, individuals, or

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346 federal agencies as the commission determines are necessary in 347 the execution of its powers or the performance of its duties.

348 5. Make recommendations to the Department of Juvenile
 349 Justice concerning any matter within the purview of this section.

350 (3) JUVENILE JUSTICE TRAINING PROGRAM. -- The department 351 commission shall establish a certifiable program for juvenile 352 justice training under pursuant to this section, and all 353 department program staff and providers who deliver direct care 354 services pursuant to a contract with the department shall be 355 required to participate in and successfully complete the commission-approved program of training pertinent to their areas 356 357 of responsibility. Judges, state attorneys, and public defenders, 358 law enforcement officers, and school district personnel may 359 participate in the such training program. For the juvenile justice program staff, the department commission shall, based on 360 361 a job-task analysis:

(a) Design, implement, maintain, evaluate, and revise a
basic training program, including a competency-based examination,
for the purpose of providing minimum employment training
qualifications for all juvenile justice personnel. All program
staff of the department and providers who deliver direct-care
services who are hired after October 1, 1999, must meet the
following minimum requirements:

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1. Be at least 19 years of age.

370 2. Be a high school graduate or its equivalent as371 determined by the department commission.

372 3. Not have been convicted of any felony or a misdemeanor
373 involving perjury or a false statement, or have received a
374 dishonorable discharge from any of the Armed Forces of the United

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375 States. Any person who, after September 30, 1999, pleads guilty 376 or nolo contendere to or is found guilty of any felony or a 377 misdemeanor involving perjury or false statement is not eligible 378 for employment, notwithstanding suspension of sentence or withholding of adjudication. Notwithstanding this subparagraph, 379 380 any person who pled nolo contendere to a misdemeanor involving a 381 false statement before October 1, 1999, and who has had such 382 record of that plea sealed or expunded is not ineligible for 383 employment for that reason.

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4. Abide by all the provisions of s. 985.644(1) regarding
385 fingerprinting and background investigations and other screening
386 requirements for personnel.

387 Execute and submit to the department an affidavit-of-5. 388 application form, adopted by the department, attesting to his or 389 her compliance with subparagraphs 1.-4. The affidavit must be 390 executed under oath and constitutes an official statement under 391 s. 837.06. The affidavit must include conspicuous language that 392 the intentional false execution of the affidavit constitutes a misdemeanor of the second degree. The employing agency shall 393 394 retain the affidavit.

(b) Design, implement, maintain, evaluate, and revise an advanced training program, including a competency-based examination for each training course, which is intended to enhance knowledge, skills, and abilities related to job performance.

400 (c) Design, implement, maintain, evaluate, and revise a
401 career development training program, including a competency-based
402 examination for each training course. Career development courses
403 are intended to prepare personnel for promotion.

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(d) The <u>department</u> commission is encouraged to design,
implement, maintain, evaluate, and revise juvenile justice
training courses, or to enter into contracts for such training
courses, that are intended to provide for the safety and wellbeing of both citizens and juvenile offenders.

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(4) JUVENILE JUSTICE TRAINING TRUST FUND.--

410 There is created within the State Treasury a Juvenile (a) 411 Justice Training Trust Fund to be used by the Department of Juvenile Justice for the purpose of funding the development and 412 413 updating of a job-task analysis of juvenile justice personnel; 414 the development, implementation, and updating of job-related 415 training courses and examinations; and the cost of commission-416 approved juvenile justice training courses; and reimbursement for 417 expenses as provided in s. 112.061 for members of the commission 418 and staff.

(b) One dollar from every noncriminal traffic infraction
collected <u>under</u> <del>pursuant</del> to ss. 318.14(10)(b) and 318.18 shall be
deposited into the Juvenile Justice Training Trust Fund.

422 (c) In addition to the funds generated by paragraph (b),
423 the trust fund may receive funds from any other public or private
424 source.

(d) Funds that are not expended by the end of the budget
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428 (5) ESTABLISHMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE TRAINING
429 ACADEMIES.--The number, location, and establishment of juvenile
430 justice training academies shall be determined by the <u>department</u>
431 commission.

(6) SCHOLARSHIPS AND STIPENDS.--

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433 (a) The department shall adopt a By rule to, the commission 434 shall establish criteria to award scholarships or stipends to 435 qualified juvenile justice personnel who are residents of the 436 state who want to pursue a bachelor's or associate in arts degree 437 in juvenile justice or a related field. The department shall handle the administration of the scholarship or stipend. The 438 439 Department of Education shall handle the notes issued for the 440 payment of the scholarships or stipends. All scholarship and 441 stipend awards shall be paid from the Juvenile Justice Training 442 Trust Fund upon vouchers approved by the Department of Education 443 and properly certified by the Chief Financial Officer. Prior to the award of a scholarship or stipend, the juvenile justice 444 445 employee must agree in writing to practice her or his profession 446 in juvenile justice or a related field for 1 month for each month 447 of grant or to repay the full amount of the scholarship or 448 stipend together with interest at the rate of 5 percent per annum 449 over a period not to exceed 10 years. Repayment shall be made 450 payable to the state for deposit into the Juvenile Justice 451 Training Trust Fund.

(b) The <u>department</u> commission may establish the scholarship
program by rule and implement the program on or after July 1,
1996.

455 (7) ADOPTION OF RULES.--The <u>department</u> commission shall
456 adopt rules as necessary to <u>administer</u> carry out the provisions
457 of this section.

(8) PARTICIPATION OF CERTAIN PROGRAMS IN THE STATE RISK
MANAGEMENT TRUST FUND.--Pursuant to s. 284.30, the Division of
Risk Management of the Department of Financial Services is
authorized to insure a private agency, individual, or corporation

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462	operating a state-owned training school under a contract to carry
463	out the purposes and responsibilities of any program of the
464	department. The coverage authorized herein shall be under the
465	same general terms and conditions as the department is insured
466	for its responsibilities under chapter 284.
467	(9) The Juvenile Justice Standards and Training Commission
468	is terminated on June 30, 2001, and such termination shall be
469	reviewed by the Legislature prior to that date.
470	Section 7. Section 985.61, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
471	Section 8. Section 985.721, Florida Statutes, is amended to
472	read:
473	985.721 Escapes from secure detention or residential
474	commitment facilityAn escape from:
475	(1) Any secure detention facility maintained for the
476	temporary detention of children, pending adjudication,
477	disposition, or placement;
478	(2) Any residential commitment facility described in <u>s.</u>
479	985.03(45) s. 985.03(44), maintained for the custody, treatment,
480	punishment, or rehabilitation of children found to have committed
481	delinquent acts or violations of law; or
482	(3) Lawful transportation to or from any such secure
483	detention facility or residential commitment facility,
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485	constitutes escape within the intent and meaning of s. 944.40 and
486	is a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s.
487	775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.
488	Section 9. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.

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