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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Needelman offered the following:

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3 **Amendment to Senate Amendment (206662) (with title**  
4 **amendment)**

5 Between lines 494 and 495, insert:

6 Section 12. Section 985.438, Florida Statutes, is created  
7 to read:

8 985.438 Commitment alternatives; Redirection Program.--

9 (1) The Redirection Program is created for the purpose of  
10 providing an alternative to residential commitment for eligible  
11 youth that would otherwise be committed to a residential  
12 program. Under this program, eligible youth may be diverted or  
13 redirected to a therapy-based community program when  
14 appropriate. The department, in conjunction with the chief judge  
15 and the state attorney in each participating judicial circuit,  
16 shall develop criteria to identify those eligible youth that are

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17 appropriate for participation in the program. Eligible youth  
18 shall include youth that:

19 (a) Have been adjudicated delinquent, or have had  
20 adjudication withheld, for a non-law violation such as a  
21 violation of a condition of probation; or

22 (b) Have been adjudicated delinquent, or have had  
23 adjudication withheld, for a nonviolent felony, other than a  
24 first degree felony or any felony direct-filed in adult court.

25 (2) The Redirection Program must provide community-based  
26 services that have been identified as model programs or as  
27 promising programs as determined by a nationally recognized  
28 research entity using rigorous research design methodologies to  
29 establish criteria of a strict scientific standard of program  
30 effectiveness in reducing adolescent violent crime, aggression,  
31 delinquency, or substance abuse. Interventions selected for use  
32 in the Redirection Program must be identified by the search  
33 entity as meeting the criteria as a model programs or as  
34 promising programs. At a minimum, such rigorous research design  
35 methodologies shall include the use of a random assignment study  
36 or match control group study and achieve a high level of  
37 internal validity, with an appropriate sample size, low  
38 attrition, no differential attrition and the use of consistent  
39 measures over time. For a program identified as a model, program  
40 effectiveness must have been demonstrated beyond the treatment  
41 period, sustained over an appropriate period of time, and have  
42 had at least one replication. In addition, for a program to be  
43 identified as a model, program effectiveness should also include  
44 an analysis of mediating factors and cost effectiveness.

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45       (3) The department shall maintain the data necessary for  
46 continued longitudinal evaluations of the program, including  
47 those relating to program expansion and program effectiveness.  
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54                   **T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T**

55       Remove line 1264 and insert:  
56       creating s. 985.438, F.S.; providing for commitment  
57       alternatives; providing for the Redirection Program; providing  
58       eligibility for participation; requiring maintenance of data for  
59       program evaluation; amending s. 985.601, F.S.; requiring the  
60       Department of