

CHAMBER ACTION

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The Committee on Criminal Justice (King) recommended the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (i) of subsection (5) of section 985.0301, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

985.0301 Jurisdiction.--

(5)(a) Notwithstanding ss. 743.07, 985.43, 985.433, 985.435, 985.439, and 985.441, and except as provided in ss. 985.465 and 985.47 and paragraph (f), when the jurisdiction of any child who is alleged to have committed a delinquent act or violation of law is obtained, the court shall retain jurisdiction, unless relinquished by its order, until the child reaches 19 years of age, with the same power over the child that the court had prior to the child becoming an adult.

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- (b) Notwithstanding ss. 743.07 and 985.455(3), and except as provided in s. 985.47, the term of any order placing a child in a probation program must be until the child's 19th birthday unless he or she is released by the court on the motion of an interested party or on his or her own motion.
- (c) Notwithstanding ss. 743.07 and 985.455(3), and except as provided in s. 985.47, the term of the commitment must be until the child is discharged by the department or until he or she reaches the age of 21 years. Notwithstanding ss. 743.07, 985.435, 985.437, 985.439, 985.441, 985.445, 985.455, and 985.513, and except as provided in this section and s. 985.47, a child may not be held under a commitment from a court under s. 985.439, s. 985.441(1)(a) or (b), s. 985.445, or s. 985.455 after becoming 21 years of age.
- The court may retain jurisdiction over a child committed to the department for placement in a juvenile prison or in a high-risk or maximum-risk residential commitment program to allow the child to participate in a juvenile conditional release program pursuant to s. 985.46. In no case shall the jurisdiction of the court be retained beyond the child's 22nd birthday. However, if the child is not successful in the conditional release program, the department may use the transfer procedure under s. 985.441(3).
- The court may retain jurisdiction over a child committed to the department for placement in an intensive residential treatment program for 10-year-old to 13-year-old offenders, in the residential commitment program in a juvenile prison, in a residential sex offender program, or in a program for serious or habitual juvenile offenders as provided in s. 985.47 or s. 985.483 until the child reaches the age of 21. If

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the court exercises this jurisdiction retention, it shall do so solely for the purpose of the child completing the intensive residential treatment program for 10-year-old to 13-year-old offenders, in the residential commitment program in a juvenile prison, in a residential sex offender program, or the program for serious or habitual juvenile offenders. Such jurisdiction retention does not apply for other programs, other purposes, or new offenses.

- (f) The court may retain jurisdiction over a child committed to a juvenile correctional facility or a juvenile prison until the child reaches the age of 21 years, specifically for the purpose of allowing the child to complete such program.
- (g)1. Notwithstanding ss. 743.07 and 985.455(3), a serious or habitual juvenile offender shall not be held under commitment from a court under s. 985.441(1)(c), s. 985.47, or s. 985.565 after becoming 21 years of age. This subparagraph shall apply only for the purpose of completing the serious or habitual juvenile offender program under this chapter and shall be used solely for the purpose of treatment.
- The court may retain jurisdiction over a child who has been placed in a program or facility for serious or habitual juvenile offenders until the child reaches the age of 21, specifically for the purpose of the child completing the program.
- The court may retain jurisdiction over a juvenile sexual offender who has been placed in a program or facility for juvenile sexual offenders until the juvenile sexual offender reaches the age of 21, specifically for the purpose of completing the program.
- The court retains may retain jurisdiction over a child and the child's parent or legal guardian whom:



1. The court has ordered to pay restitution until the restitution order is satisfied. To retain jurisdiction, The court shall enter a restitution order, which is separate from any disposition or order of commitment, on or prior to the date that the court's jurisdiction would cease under this section. The contents of the restitution order shall be limited to the child's name and address, the name and address of the parent or legal quardian, the name and address of the payee, the case number, the date and amount of restitution ordered, any amount of restitution paid, the amount of restitution due and owing, and a notation that costs, interest, penalties, and attorney's fees may also be due and owing. The terms of the restitution order are subject to s.775.089(5).

2. The court has ordered to pay costs, fees, and costs associated with court-appointed counsel until the costs, fees, and costs associated with court-appointed counsel are satisfied, regardless of adjudication. The child and the child's parent or legal guardian remain responsible for unpaid costs, fees, and costs associated with court-appointed counsel until the unpaid costs, fees, and costs associated with court-appointed counsel are satisfied, even after the child turns 19 years of age. The implementation of this subparagraph does not, in any way, authorize or otherwise permit details of the juvenile court record to be disclosed except as provided by law.

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The retention of jurisdiction under this paragraph does not preclude the department from closing out the community supervision case for a child if the child has successfully met all other conditions of the supervision case plan.

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(j) This subsection does not prevent the exercise of jurisdiction by any court having jurisdiction of the child if the child, after becoming an adult, commits a violation of law.

Section 2. Section 985.031, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

985.031 Preadjudicatory release; circuit court authority. -- The circuit court shall have the authority to set reasonable conditions of preadjudicatory release. The child shall comply with all such preadjudicatory release conditions prior to an adjudicatory hearing. Reasonable conditions of preadjudicatory release may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- The child shall not engage in a violation of law. (1)
- (2) The child shall not possess or carry any weapon.
- (3) The child shall not possess or use any alcoholic beverage or illegal drug or associate with those who are currently possessing or using any alcoholic beverage or illegal drug.
 - The child shall obey all reasonable household rules.
- (5) The child shall attend school regularly, including all classes.
- The child shall abide by the curfew set by his or her parents or guardians, or as set by the court.
- (7) The child shall have no contact with any codefendants, an alleged victim, or the family of any alleged victim.
- (8) The child shall not return to the scene of the alleged crime, unless approved by the court.

Section 3. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section 985.101, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

985.101 Taking a child into custody; preadjudicatory release conditions .--

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- (1) A child may be taken into custody under the following circumstances:
- Pursuant to an order of the circuit court issued under (a) this chapter, based upon sworn testimony, either before or after a petition is filed.
- (b) For a delinquent act or violation of law, pursuant to Florida law pertaining to a lawful arrest. If such delinquent act or violation of law would be a felony if committed by an adult or involves a crime of violence, the arresting authority shall immediately notify the district school superintendent, or the superintendent's designee, of the school district with educational jurisdiction of the child. Such notification shall include other education providers such as the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, university developmental research schools, and private elementary and secondary schools. The information obtained by the superintendent of schools pursuant to this section must be released within 48 hours after receipt to appropriate school personnel, including the principal of the child's school, or as otherwise provided by law. The principal must immediately notify the child's immediate classroom teachers. Information provided by an arresting authority under this paragraph may not be placed in the student's permanent record and shall be removed from all school records no later than 9 months after the date of the arrest.
- By a law enforcement officer for failing to appear at a court hearing after being properly noticed.
- By a law enforcement officer who has probable cause to believe that the child is in violation of the conditions of the child's preadjudicatory release, conditions of the child's probation, home detention, postcommitment probation, or



167 conditional release supervision; has absconded from nonresidential commitment; or has escaped from residential 168 169 commitment.

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Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to allow the detention of a child who does not meet the detention criteria in part V.

Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 985.24, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

985.24 Use of detention; prohibitions.--

- (1) All determinations and court orders regarding the use of secure, nonsecure, or home detention care shall be based primarily upon findings that the child:
- (a) Presents a substantial risk of not appearing at a subsequent hearing;
- (b) Presents a substantial risk of inflicting bodily harm on others as evidenced by recent behavior;
- (c) Presents a history of committing a property offense prior to adjudication, disposition, or placement;
- (d) Has been adjudicated delinquent and committed to the department in a residential facility, but is on home or nonsecure detention care while awaiting placement, and:
- 1. Absconds from home or nonsecure detention care or otherwise violates the terms of release; or
- 2. There is probable cause to believe that the child has committed a new violation of law;

(e) (d) Has committed contempt of court by:

- 1. Intentionally disrupting the administration of the court;
 - 2. Intentionally disobeying a court order; or

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- 3. Engaging in a punishable act or speech in the court's presence which shows disrespect for the authority and dignity of the court; or
- (f) (e) Requests protection from imminent bodily harm. Section 5. Subsection (1) of section 985.245, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

985.245 Risk assessment instrument.--

(1) All determinations and court orders regarding placement of a child into detention care shall comply with all requirements and criteria provided in this part and shall be based on a risk assessment of the child, unless the child is placed into detention care as provided in s. 985.255(2) or s. 985.28.

Section 6. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 985.25, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

985.25 Detention intake.--

- (1) The juvenile probation officer shall receive custody of a child who has been taken into custody from the law enforcement agency and shall review the facts in the law enforcement report or probable cause affidavit and make such further inquiry as may be necessary to determine whether detention care is required.
- (a) During the period of time from the taking of the child into custody to the date of the detention hearing, the initial decision as to the child's placement into secure detention care, nonsecure detention care, or home detention care shall be made by the juvenile probation officer under ss. 985.24 and 985.245(1).
- The juvenile probation officer shall base the decision whether or not to place the child into secure detention care, home detention care, or nonsecure detention care on an assessment of risk in accordance with the risk assessment instrument and

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procedures developed by the department under s. 985.245. However, a child shall be placed in secure detention care if:

- 1. The child is charged with possessing or discharging a firearm on school property in violation of s. 790.115;
- 2. The child is alleged to have absconded from home or nonsecure detention care or the child otherwise violates the terms of release after adjudication and commitment to the department but before placement in a residential facility; or
- 3. There is probable cause to believe the child has committed a new violation of law while on home or nonsecure detention care after adjudication and commitment but before placement in a residential facility shall be placed in secure detention care.
- (c) If the juvenile probation officer determines that a child who is eligible for detention based upon the results of the risk assessment instrument should be released, the juvenile probation officer shall contact the state attorney, who may authorize release. If detention is not authorized, the child may be released by the juvenile probation officer in accordance with ss. 985.115 and 985.13.

Under no circumstances shall the juvenile probation officer or the state attorney or law enforcement officer authorize the detention of any child in a jail or other facility intended or used for the detention of adults, without an order of the court.

Section 7. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 985.255, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

985.255 Detention criteria; detention hearing.--

Subject to s. 985.25(1), a child taken into custody and placed into nonsecure or home detention care or detained in

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secure detention care prior to a detention hearing may continue to be detained by the court if:

- The child is alleged to have absconded from home or nonsecure detention care or otherwise violates the terms of release after adjudication and commitment but while awaiting placement in a residential facility.
- (b) There is probable cause to believe the child has committed a new violation of law while on home or nonsecure detention care after adjudication and commitment but while awaiting placement in a residential facility.
- (c) (a) The child is alleged to be an escapee from a residential commitment program; or an absconder from a nonresidential commitment program, a probation program, or conditional release supervision; or is alleged to have escaped while being lawfully transported to or from a residential commitment program.
- (d) (b) The child is wanted in another jurisdiction for an offense which, if committed by an adult, would be a felony.
- (e) (c) The child is charged with a delinquent act or violation of law and requests in writing through legal counsel to be detained for protection from an imminent physical threat to his or her personal safety.
- (f) (d) The child is charged with committing an offense of domestic violence as defined in s. 741.28 and is detained as provided in subsection (2).
- (g) (e) The child is charged with possession or discharging a firearm on school property in violation of s. 790.115.
- (h) (f) The child is charged with a capital felony, a life felony, a felony of the first degree, a felony of the second degree that does not involve a violation of chapter 893, or a

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felony of the third degree that is also a crime of violence, including any such offense involving the use or possession of a firearm.

- (i) (g) The child is charged with any second degree or third degree felony involving a violation of chapter 893 or any third degree felony that is not also a crime of violence, and the child:
- Has a record of failure to appear at court hearings after being properly notified in accordance with the Rules of Juvenile Procedure;
 - 2. Has a record of law violations prior to court hearings;
- 3. Has already been detained or has been released and is awaiting final disposition of the case;
- 4. Has a record of violent conduct resulting in physical injury to others; or
 - 5. Is found to have been in possession of a firearm.
- (j) (h) The child is alleged to have violated the conditions of the child's probation or conditional release supervision. However, a child detained under this paragraph may be held only in a consequence unit as provided in s. 985.439. If a consequence unit is not available, the child may be placed in secure detention care, home detention care, or home detention care with electronic monitoring shall be placed on home detention with electronic monitoring.
- (k) (i) The child is detained on a judicial order for failure to appear and has previously willfully failed to appear, after proper notice, for an adjudicatory hearing on the same case regardless of the results of the risk assessment instrument. A child may be held in secure detention for up to 72 hours in advance of the next scheduled court hearing pursuant to this

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paragraph. The child's failure to keep the clerk of court and defense counsel informed of a current and valid mailing address where the child will receive notice to appear at court proceedings does not provide an adequate ground for excusal of the child's nonappearance at the hearings.

(1) (i) The child is detained on a judicial order for failure to appear and has previously willfully failed to appear, after proper notice, at two or more court hearings of any nature on the same case regardless of the results of the risk assessment instrument. A child may be held in secure detention for up to 72 hours in advance of the next scheduled court hearing pursuant to this paragraph. The child's failure to keep the clerk of court and defense counsel informed of a current and valid mailing address where the child will receive notice to appear at court proceedings does not provide an adequate ground for excusal of the child's nonappearance at the hearings.

(3) (a) A child who meets any of the criteria in subsection (1) and who is ordered to be detained under that subsection shall be given a hearing within 24 hours after being taken into custody. The purpose of the detention hearing is to determine the existence of probable cause that the child has committed the delinquent act or violation of law that he or she is charged with and the need for continued detention. Unless a child is detained under paragraph (1)(a), paragraph (1)(b), paragraph (1)(f) $\frac{d}{d}$, or paragraph (1)(g)(e), the court shall use the results of the risk assessment performed by the juvenile probation officer and, based on the criteria in subsection (1), shall determine the need for continued detention. A child placed into secure, nonsecure, or home detention care may continue to be so detained by the court. A child detained under paragraph (1)(a) or paragraph (1)(b) may

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be placed into secure detention care pending placement in a residential facility.

(c) Except as provided in paragraph (1)(a), paragraph (1) (b), s. 790.22(8), or in s. 985.27, when a child is placed into secure or nonsecure detention care, or into a respite home or other placement pursuant to a court order following a hearing, the court order must include specific instructions that direct the release of the child from such placement no later than 5 p.m. on the last day of the detention period specified in s. 985.26 or s. 985.27, whichever is applicable, unless the requirements of such applicable provision have been met or an order of continuance has been granted under s. 985.26(4).

Section 8. Section 985.26, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

985.26 Length of detention. --

- (1) A child may not be placed into or held in secure, nonsecure, or home detention care for longer than 24 hours unless the court orders such detention care, and the order includes specific instructions that direct the release of the child from such detention care, in accordance with s. 985.255. The order shall be a final order, reviewable by appeal under s. 985.534 and the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. Appeals of such orders shall take precedence over other appeals and other pending matters.
- (2) A child may not be held in secure, nonsecure, or home detention care under a special detention order for more than 21 days unless an adjudicatory hearing for the case has been commenced in good faith by the court. However, upon good cause being shown that the nature of the charge requires additional time for the prosecution or defense of the case, the court may

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extend the length of detention for an additional 9 days if the child is charged with an offense that would be, if committed by an adult, a capital felony, a life felony, a felony of the first degree, or a felony of the second degree involving violence against any individual. For purposes of this subsection, if a child is released, the child must comply with all conditions of preadjudicatory release set by the circuit court.

- Except as provided in subsection (2), a child may not be held in secure, nonsecure, or home detention care for more than 15 days following the entry of an order of adjudication.
- The time limits in subsections (2) and (3) do not include periods of delay resulting from a continuance granted by the court for cause on motion of the child or his or her counsel or of the state. Upon the issuance of an order granting a continuance for cause on a motion by either the child, the child's counsel, or the state, the court shall conduct a hearing at the end of each 72-hour period, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, to determine the need for continued detention of the child and the need for further continuance of proceedings for the child or the state.
- The time limits required under this section do not apply to children held in secure detention care pursuant to ss. 985.255(1) and (3), 985.27(1)(a) and (b), and 985.28.
- (6) (5) A child who was not in secure detention care at the time of the adjudicatory hearing, but for whom residential commitment is anticipated or recommended, may be placed under a special detention order for a period not to exceed 72 hours, excluding weekends and legal holidays, for the purpose of conducting a comprehensive evaluation as provided in s. 985.185. Motions for the issuance of such special detention order may be

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made subsequent to a finding of delinquency. Upon said motion, the court shall conduct a hearing to determine the appropriateness of such special detention order and shall order the least restrictive level of detention care necessary to complete the comprehensive evaluation process that is consistent with public safety. Such special detention order may be extended for an additional 72 hours upon further order of the court.

(7) (6) If a child is detained and a petition for delinquency is filed, the child shall be arraigned in accordance with the Florida Rules of Juvenile Procedure within 48 hours after the filing of the petition for delinquency.

Section 9. Subsection (1) of section 985.265, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

985.265 Detention transfer and release; education; adult jails.--

- (1) If a child is detained under this part, the department may transfer the child from nonsecure or home detention care to secure detention care only if significantly changed circumstances warrant such transfer. Such circumstances include, but are not necessarily limited to:
- (a) Where a child is alleged to have absconded from home or nonsecure detention care or otherwise violates the terms of release after adjudication and commitment but while awaiting placement in a residential facility; or
- (b) Where probable cause exists that a child has committed a new violation of law while on home or nonsecure detention care after adjudication and commitment but while awaiting placement in a residential facility.

Section 10. Subsection (1) of section 985.27, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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985.27 Postcommitment detention while awaiting placement. --

- (1) The court must place all children who are adjudicated and awaiting placement in a commitment program in secure detention care, home detention care, or nonsecure detention care. Children who are in home detention care or nonsecure detention care may be placed on electronic monitoring.
- (a) A child who is awaiting placement in a low-risk residential program must be removed from detention within 5 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays. Any child held in secure detention during the 5 days must meet detention admission criteria under this part. A child who is placed in home detention care, nonsecure detention care, or home or nonsecure detention care with electronic monitoring, while awaiting placement in a minimum-risk or low-risk program, may be held in secure detention care for 5 days, if the child violates the conditions of the home detention care, the nonsecure detention care, or the electronic monitoring agreement. For any subsequent violation, the court may impose an additional 15 $\frac{5}{}$ days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, in secure detention care.
- (b) 1. A child who is awaiting placement in a moderate-risk residential program must be placed in secure detention care, home detention care, or nonsecure detention care. Any child held in secure detention care must meet detention admission criteria under this part.
- 2. A child may not be held in secure detention care longer than 15 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, while awaiting placement in a moderate-risk residential facility, except that any child shall be held in secure detention care until placed in a residential facility if:

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- a. The child is alleged to have absconded from home detention care or nonsecure detention care or otherwise violated the terms of release or electronic monitoring; or
- b. Probable cause exists that a child committed a new violation of law while on home detention care, nonsecure detention care, or electronic monitoring and the child is awaiting placement in a residential program. A child who is awaiting placement in a moderate-risk residential program must be removed from detention within 5 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays. Any child held in secure detention during the 5 days must meet detention admission criteria under this part. The department may seek an order from the court authorizing continued detention for a specific period of time necessary for the appropriate residential placement of the child. However, such continued detention in secure detention care may not exceed 15 days after entry of the commitment order, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, and except as otherwise provided in this section. A child who is placed in home detention care, nonsecure detention care, or home or nonsecure detention care with electronic monitoring, while awaiting placement in a moderate-risk program, may be held in secure detention care for 5 days, if the child violates the conditions of the home detention care, the nonsecure detention care, or the electronic monitoring agreement. For any subsequent violation, the court may impose an additional 5 days in secure detention care.
- (c) If the child is committed to a high-risk residential program, the child must be held in secure detention care until placement or commitment is accomplished.

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(d) If the child is committed to a maximum-risk residential program, the child must be held in secure detention care until placement or commitment is accomplished.

Section 11. Section 985.28, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

- 985.28 Appearance in court; preadjudicatory detention; contempt. --
- (1) A child may be held in secure detention care if, after proper notice, the child fails to appear in court because the child refuses to appear, runs away, or otherwise intentionally avoids his or her appearance. The court may hold the child in secure detention care until the trial concludes, regardless of the results of the risk assessment instrument.
- (2) A parent or legal quardian, after being properly noticed, who knowingly and willfully fails to bring or otherwise prevents a child from appearing for trial may be held in contempt of court.
- Section 12. Subsection (1) of section 985.35, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 985.35 Adjudicatory hearings; withheld adjudications; orders of adjudication .--
- The adjudicatory hearing must be held as soon as practicable after the petition alleging that a child has committed a delinquent act or violation of law is filed and in accordance with the Florida Rules of Juvenile Procedure; but reasonable delay for the purpose of investigation, discovery, or procuring counsel or witnesses shall be granted. If the child is being detained, the time limitations in s. 985.26(2) and (3) apply.

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Section 13. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section 985.43, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (4) is added to that section, to read:

985.43 Predisposition reports; other evaluations.--

- (1) Upon a finding that the child has committed a delinquent act:
- The court may order the department to prepare a predisposition report regarding the child's eligibility for disposition other than by adjudication and commitment to the department or for disposition of adjudication, commitment to the department, and, if appropriate, assignment of a residential commitment level. The predisposition report shall be the result of the multidisciplinary assessment, when such assessment is needed, and of the classification and placement process, and it shall indicate and report the child's priority needs, recommendations as to a classification of risk for the child in the context of his or her program and supervision needs, and a plan for treatment that recommends the most appropriate placement setting to meet the child's needs with the minimum program security that reasonably ensures public safety. A predisposition report shall be ordered for any child for whom a residential commitment disposition is anticipated or recommended by an officer of the court or by the department.
- (b) A comprehensive evaluation for physical health; mental health; substance abuse; or academic, educational, or vocational problems shall be ordered for any child for whom a residential commitment disposition is anticipated or recommended by an officer of the court or by the department. If a comprehensive evaluation is ordered, the predisposition report shall include a summary of the comprehensive evaluation.

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- (c) A child who was not in secure detention at the time of the adjudicatory hearing, but for whom residential commitment is anticipated or recommended, may be placed under a special detention order, as provided in s. 985.26(6)(5), for the purpose of conducting a comprehensive evaluation.
- The Legislature finds that the court is in the best position to weigh all facts and circumstances to determine whether or not to commit a juvenile to the department and to determine the most appropriate restrictiveness level for a juvenile committed to the department.

Section 14. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (7) of section 985.433, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

985.433 Disposition hearings in delinquency cases. -- When a child has been found to have committed a delinquent act, the following procedures shall be applicable to the disposition of the case:

- If the court determines that the child should be adjudicated as having committed a delinquent act and should be committed to the department, such determination shall be in writing or on the record of the hearing. The determination shall include a specific finding of the reasons for the decision to adjudicate and to commit the child to the department, including any determination that the child was a member of a criminal street gang.
- The juvenile probation officer shall make a recommendation to the court concerning placement and any proposed treatment plan recommend to the court the most appropriate placement and treatment plan, specifically identifying the restrictiveness level most appropriate for the child. If the court has determined that the child was a member of a criminal

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street gang, that determination shall be given great weight in identifying the most appropriate restrictiveness level for the child. The court shall consider the department's recommendation in making its commitment decision.

The court may shall commit the child to the department at the restrictiveness level identified by the department, or the court may order placement at a different restrictiveness level. The court may determine the disposition on the same factors as the department considered in the department's predisposition report and placement recommendation even if the court reaches a different conclusion. The court may commit the child to a different restrictiveness level than recommended by the department. The court shall state for the record the reasons for the disposition imposed that establish by a preponderance of the evidence why the court is disregarding the assessment of the child and the restrictiveness level recommended by the department. Any party may appeal the court's findings resulting in a modified level of restrictiveness under this paragraph. The department shall maintain data to identify the extent to which the courts agree with the department's recommendation.

Section 15. Subsection (2) of section 985.439, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

985.439 Violation of probation or postcommitment probation. --

(2) A child taken into custody under s. 985.101 for violating the conditions of probation or postcommitment probation shall be held in a consequence unit if such a unit is available or may be detained under part V in a facility other than a consequence unit if one is not available. The child shall be afforded a hearing within 24 hours after being taken into custody

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to determine the existence of probable cause that the child violated the conditions of probation or postcommitment probation. A consequence unit is a secure facility specifically designated by the department for children who are taken into custody under s. 985.101 for violating probation or postcommitment probation, or who have been found by the court to have violated the conditions of probation or postcommitment probation. If the violation involves a new charge of delinquency, the child may be detained under part V in a facility other than a consequence unit. If the child is not eligible for detention for the new charge of delinquency, the child may be held in the consequence unit pending a hearing and is subject to the time limitations specified in part V.

Section 16. Section 938.20, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

938.20 County juvenile crime prevention fund.--

(1) Notwithstanding s. 318.121, and in addition to ss. 938.19 and 939.185, in each county the board of county commissioners may adopt a mandatory court cost to be assessed in specific cases by incorporating by reference the provisions of this section in a county ordinance. Assessments collected by the clerk of the circuit court under this section shall be deposited into an account specifically for the administration of the county's juvenile crime prevention fund. The proceeds of the county's juvenile crime prevention fund shall only be used to fund local programs whose principal focus is the prevention of juvenile crime, the creation of consequence or suspension centers, and truancy programs and such other areas of local concern relating to juvenile crime.

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- (2) A sum of up to \$50 shall be assessed as a court cost in the circuit court in the county against each juvenile who pleads guilty or nolo contendere to, or is found guilty of, regardless of adjudication, a violation of criminal law or municipal or county ordinance.
- (3) The assessment for court costs under this section shall be assessed in addition to any other cost or fee and may not be deducted from the proceeds of any other cost that is received by the county.
- (4) (a) The clerk of the circuit court shall collect the assessments for court costs under this section and shall remit the assessments to the county's juvenile crime prevention fund monthly.
- (b) The clerk of the circuit court shall withhold 3 percent of the assessments collected, which shall be retained as fee income of the office of the clerk of the circuit court.
- (5) A county's juvenile crime prevention fund must account for all funds received and disbursed under this section in a written report to the board of county commissioners of that county. The report must be given to the commissioners by August 1 of each year unless a different date is required by the commissioners.
- (6) A county's juvenile crime prevention fund may be administered by a nonprofit organization, a law enforcement agency, the court administrator, the clerk of the circuit court, a county agency, or another similar agency authorized by the board of county commissioners of that county.
- Section 17. Subsection (8) of section 790.22, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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790.22 Use of BB guns, air or gas-operated guns, or electric weapons or devices by minor under 16; limitation; possession of firearms by minor under 18 prohibited; penalties .--

(8) Notwithstanding s. 985.24 or s. 985.25(1), if a minor under 18 years of age is charged with an offense that involves the use or possession of a firearm, as defined in s. 790.001, including a violation of subsection (3), or is charged for any offense during the commission of which the minor possessed a firearm, the minor shall be detained in secure detention, unless the state attorney authorizes the release of the minor, and shall be given a hearing within 24 hours after being taken into custody. At the hearing, the court may order that the minor continue to be held in secure detention in accordance with the applicable time periods specified in s. $985.26(1)-(6)\frac{(1)-(5)}{(1)}$, if the court finds that the minor meets the criteria specified in s. 985.255, or if the court finds by clear and convincing evidence that the minor is a clear and present danger to himself or herself or the community. The Department of Juvenile Justice shall prepare a form for all minors charged under this subsection that states the period of detention and the relevant demographic information, including, but not limited to, the sex, age, and race of the minor; whether or not the minor was represented by private counsel or a public defender; the current offense; and the minor's complete prior record, including any pending cases. The form shall be provided to the judge to be considered when determining whether the minor should be continued in secure detention under this subsection. An order placing a minor in secure detention because the minor is a clear and present danger to himself or herself or the community must be in writing, must specify the need for detention and the benefits derived by the



minor or the community by placing the minor in secure detention, and must include a copy of the form provided by the department. The Department of Juvenile Justice must send the form, including a copy of any order, without client-identifying information, to the Office of Economic and Demographic Research.

Section 18. The Legislature determines and declares that this act fulfills an important state interest.

Section 19. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.

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Delete everything before the enacting clause and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to juvenile justice; amending s. 985.0301, F.S.; permitting a court to retain jurisdiction over a child and the child's parent or legal guardian whom the court has ordered to pay costs, fees, and costs associated with court-appointed counsel until the costs, fees, and costs associated with court-appointed counsel are satisfied; providing intent; creating s. 985.031, F.S.; authorizing the court to set reasonable conditions of preadjudicatory release; providing examples of such conditions; amending s. 985.101, F.S.; permitting a child to be taken into custody for violations of preadjudicatory release conditions; providing that conditions of preadjudicatory release may not be used to impose home detention when not otherwise authorized; amending s. 985.24, F.S.; providing an additional finding to support the use of secure, nonsecure, or home detention care;

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amending s. 985.245, F.S.; providing that placement in detention care under a specified provision does not require a risk assessment; amending s. 985.25, F.S.; providing additional grounds for placement of a child in secure detention care; amending s. 985.255, F.S.; providing for continuing home or nonsecure or home detention care or secure detention care prior to a detention hearing in certain circumstances; amending s. 985.26, F.S.; requiring that children who have been released comply with preadjudicatory release conditions; providing that certain time limits do not apply to secure detention under specified provisions; amending s. 985.265, F.S.; specifying some changed circumstances that permit the Department of Juvenile Justice to transfer a child from home or nonsecure or home detention care to secure detention care; amending s. 985.27, F.S.; specifying circumstances under which a child who is awaiting placement in a low-risk or minimum-risk residential program may be held in secure detention care; providing time limits on such detention care; providing for secure detention care for absconders from specified types of care; revising provisions for detention care of a child awaiting placement in a moderate-risk residential program; providing for secure detention care in specified circumstances; creating s. 985.28, F.S.; providing for secure detention of a child in specified circumstances; permitting a parent or legal guardian of a child to be held in contempt of court if he or she knowingly and willfully fails to bring or otherwise prevents the child from appearing for trial; amending s. 985.35, F.S.;

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conforming a cross-reference to changes made by the act; amending s. 985.43, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference to changes made by the act; providing a legislative declaration concerning the determination whether to commit a juvenile to the department and the most appropriate placement level if the juvenile is committed; amending s. 985.433, F.S.; revising provisions relating to recommendations by probation officers to the court concerning placement and any proposed treatment plan of juveniles; specifying that the court has the power to determine appropriate dispositions; requiring that reasons for a disposition be stated for the record; amending s. 985.439, F.S.; permitting a child to be detained in a facility other than a consequence unit if one is not available for a violation of probation or postcommitment probation under specified provisions; creating s. 938.20, F.S.; permitting each county to create a juvenile crime prevention fund; providing for an additional court cost; providing for administration and use of funds; amending s. 790.22, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing that the act fulfills an important state interest; providing an effective date.