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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to juvenile justice; repealing ss.
3	985.02(5), 985.03(48), 985.03(56), 985.47, 985.483,
4	985.486, and 985.636, F.S., relating to, respectively,
5	legislative intent for serious or habitual juvenile
6	offenders in the juvenile justice system, definitions of
7	terms for a training school and the serious or habitual
8	juvenile offender program, the serious or habitual
9	juvenile offender program in the juvenile justice system,
10	the intensive residential treatment program for offenders
11	less than 13 years of age, and the designation of persons
12	holding law enforcement certification within the Office of
13	the Inspector General to act as law enforcement officers;
14	amending s. 985.494, F.S.; requiring a child who is
15	adjudicated delinquent, or for whom adjudication is
16	withheld, to be committed to a maximum-risk residential
17	program for an act that would be a felony if committed by
18	an adult if the child has completed two different high-
19	risk residential commitment programs; repealing s.
20	985.445, F.S., relating to cases involving grand theft of
21	a motor vehicle committed by a child; amending ss.
22	985.0301, 985.14, 985.441, and 985.565, F.S.; conforming
23	references to changes made by the act; amending s. 985.66,
24	F.S.; removing all references to the Juvenile Justice
25	Standards and Training Commission; requiring the
26	Department of Juvenile Justice to be responsible for staff
27	development and training; specifying the duties and
28	responsibilities of the department for staff development
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29	and training; removing obsolete provisions to conform to
30	changes made by the act; repealing s. 985.48(8), F.S.,
31	relating to activities of the Juvenile Justice Standards
32	and Training Commission with respect to training and
33	treatment services for juvenile sexual offenders;
34	providing an effective date.
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36	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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38	Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 985.02, Florida
39	Statutes, is repealed.
40	Section 2. Subsection (48) of section 985.03, Florida
41	Statutes, is repealed.
42	Section 3. Subsection (56) of section 985.03, Florida
43	Statutes, is repealed.
44	Section 4. Section 985.47, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
45	Section 5. Section 985.483, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
46	Section 6. Section 985.486, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
47	Section 7. Section 985.636, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
48	Section 8. Section 985.494, Florida Statutes, is amended
49	to read:
50	985.494 Commitment programs for juvenile felony
51	offenders
52	(1) Notwithstanding any other law and regardless of the
53	child's age, a child who is adjudicated delinquent, or for whom
54	adjudication is withheld, for an act that would be a felony if
55	committed by an adult, shall be committed to \div

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(a) 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.

62 (b) a maximum-risk residential program, if the child has 63 completed two different high-risk residential commitment 64 programs participated in an early delinquency intervention 65 program, has completed a sheriff's training and respect program, 66 and has completed a program for serious or habitual juvenile 67 offenders or an intensive residential treatment program for offenders less than 13 years of age. The commitment of a child 68 69 to a maximum-risk residential program must be for an indeterminate period, but may not exceed the maximum term of 70 71 imprisonment that an adult may serve for the same offense.

(2) In committing a child to the appropriate program, the
court may consider an equivalent program of similar intensity as
being comparable to a program required under subsection (1).

75 Section 9. <u>Section 985.445</u>, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
76 Section 10. Paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (e), and (g) of
77 subsection (5) of section 985.0301, Florida Statutes, are
78 amended to read:

79 985.030

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

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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.

(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.

93 Notwithstanding ss. 743.07 and 985.455(3), and except (C) 94 as provided in s. 985.47_r the term of the commitment must be 95 until the child is discharged by the department or until he or 96 she reaches the age of 21 years. Notwithstanding ss. 743.07, 97 985.435, 985.437, 985.439, 985.441, 985.445, 985.455, and 98 985.513, and except as provided in this section and s. 985.47, a 99 child may not be held under a commitment from a court under s. 100 985.439, s. 985.441(1)(a) or (b), s. 985.445, or s. 985.455 101 after becoming 21 years of age.

102 The court may retain jurisdiction over a child (e) committed to the department for placement in an intensive 103 104 residential treatment program for 10-year-old to 13-year-old 105 offenders, in the residential commitment program in a juvenile prison, or in a residential sex offender program, or in a 106 107 program for serious or habitual juvenile offenders as provided in s. 985.47 or s. 985.483 until the child reaches the age of 108 109 21. If the court exercises this jurisdiction retention, it shall do so solely for the purpose of the child completing the 110 intensive residential treatment program for 10-year-old to 13-111 Page 4 of 17

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112 year-old offenders, in the residential commitment program in a 113 juvenile prison, in a residential sex offender program, or the 114 program for serious or habitual juvenile offenders. Such 115 jurisdiction retention does not apply for other programs, other 116 purposes, or new offenses.

(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.

124 2. The court may retain jurisdiction over a child who has 125 been placed in a program or facility for serious or habitual 126 juvenile offenders until the child reaches the age of 21, 127 specifically for the purpose of the child completing the 128 program.

Section 11. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section985.14, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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985.14 Intake and case management system.-

(3) The intake and case management system shall facilitate consistency in the recommended placement of each child, and in the assessment, classification, and placement process, with the following purposes:

(a) An individualized, multidisciplinary assessment
process that identifies the priority needs of each individual
child for rehabilitation and treatment and identifies any needs
of the child's parents or guardians for services that would

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140 enhance their ability to provide adequate support, quidance, and 141 supervision for the child. This process shall begin with the detention risk assessment instrument and decision, shall include 142 143 the intake preliminary screening and comprehensive assessment 144 for substance abuse treatment services, mental health services, 145 retardation services, literacy services, and other educational 146 and treatment services as components, additional assessment of 147 the child's treatment needs, and classification regarding the 148 child's risks to the community and, for a serious or habitual 149 delinquent child, shall include the assessment for placement in 150 a serious or habitual delinquent children program under s. 151 985.47. The completed multidisciplinary assessment process shall 152 result in the predisposition report.

153Section 12. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection (1) of154section 985.441, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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985.441 Commitment.-

(1) The court that has jurisdiction of an adjudicated delinquent child may, by an order stating the facts upon which a determination of a sanction and rehabilitative program was made at the disposition hearing:

160 (c) Commit the child to the department for placement in a 161 program or facility for serious or habitual juvenile offenders 162 in accordance with s. 985.47.

163 1. Following a delinquency adjudicatory hearing under s. 164 985.35 and a delinquency disposition hearing under s. 985.433 165 that results in a commitment determination, the court shall, on 166 its own or upon request by the state or the department,

167 determine whether the protection of the public requires that the Page 6 of 17

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168 child be placed in a program for serious or habitual juvenile 169 offenders and whether the particular needs of the child would be 170 best served by a program for serious or habitual juvenile 171 offenders as provided in s. 985.47. The determination shall be 172 made under ss. 985.47(1) and 985.433(7).

173 2. Any commitment of a child to a program or facility for 174 serious or habitual juvenile offenders must be for an 175 indeterminate period of time, but the time may not exceed the 176 maximum term of imprisonment that an adult may serve for the 177 same offense.

178 <u>(c) (d)</u> Commit the child to the department for placement in 179 a program or facility for juvenile sexual offenders in 180 accordance with s. 985.48, subject to specific appropriation for 181 such a program or facility.

The child may only be committed for such placement
 pursuant to determination that the child is a juvenile sexual
 offender under the criteria specified in s. 985.475.

185 2. Any commitment of a juvenile sexual offender to a 186 program or facility for juvenile sexual offenders must be for an 187 indeterminate period of time, but the time may not exceed the 188 maximum term of imprisonment that an adult may serve for the 189 same offense.

Section 13. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section985.565, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

192 985.565 Sentencing powers; procedures; alternatives for193 juveniles prosecuted as adults.-

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(4) SENTENCING ALTERNATIVES.-

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195 Juvenile sanctions.-For juveniles transferred to adult (b) 196 court but who do not qualify for such transfer under s. 197 985.556(3) or s. 985.557(2)(a) or (b), the court may impose juvenile sanctions under this paragraph. If juvenile sentences 198 199 are imposed, the court shall, under this paragraph, adjudge the 200 child to have committed a delinquent act. Adjudication of 201 delinquency shall not be deemed a conviction, nor shall it 202 operate to impose any of the civil disabilities ordinarily 203 resulting from a conviction. The court shall impose an adult 204 sanction or a juvenile sanction and may not sentence the child to a combination of adult and juvenile punishments. An adult 205 206 sanction or a juvenile sanction may include enforcement of an 207 order of restitution or probation previously ordered in any 208 juvenile proceeding. However, if the court imposes a juvenile 209 sanction and the department determines that the sanction is 210 unsuitable for the child, the department shall return custody of 211 the child to the sentencing court for further proceedings, 212 including the imposition of adult sanctions. Upon adjudicating a 213 child delinquent under subsection (1), the court may:

214 1. Place the child in a probation program under the 215 supervision of the department for an indeterminate period of 216 time until the child reaches the age of 19 years or sooner if 217 discharged by order of the court.

2. Commit the child to the department for treatment in an appropriate program for children for an indeterminate period of time until the child is 21 or sooner if discharged by the department. The department shall notify the court of its intent to discharge no later than 14 days prior to discharge. Failure

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223 of the court to timely respond to the department's notice shall 224 be considered approval for discharge.

3. Order disposition under ss. 985.435, 985.437, 985.439, 985.441, 985.445, 985.45, and 985.455 as an alternative to youthful offender or adult sentencing if the court determines not to impose youthful offender or adult sanctions.

It is the intent of the Legislature that the criteria and guidelines in this subsection are mandatory and that a determination of disposition under this subsection is subject to the right of the child to appellate review under s. 985.534.

234 Section 14. Section 985.66, Florida Statutes, is amended 235 to read:

985.66 Juvenile justice training academies; <u>staff</u>
 development and training; <u>Juvenile Justice Standards and</u>
 Training Commission; Juvenile Justice Training Trust Fund.-

239 LEGISLATIVE PURPOSE. - In order to enable the state to (1)240 provide a systematic approach to staff development and training 241 for judges, state attorneys, public defenders, law enforcement 242 officers, school district personnel, and juvenile justice 243 program staff that will meet the needs of such persons in their 244 discharge of duties while at the same time meeting the 245 requirements for the American Correction Association 246 accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for 247 Corrections, it is the purpose of the Legislature to require the department to establish, maintain, and oversee the operation of 248 juvenile justice training academies in the state. The purpose of 249 250 the Legislature in establishing staff development and training

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251 programs is to foster better staff morale and reduce 252 mistreatment and aggressive and abusive behavior in delinquency 253 programs; to positively impact the recidivism of children in the 254 juvenile justice system; and to afford greater protection of the 255 public through an improved level of services delivered by a 256 professionally trained juvenile justice program staff to 257 children who are alleged to be or who have been found to be 258 delinguent.

259 (2) <u>STAFF DEVELOPMENT</u> JUVENILE JUSTICE STANDARDS AND 260 TRAINING COMMISSION.-

261 (a) There is created under the Department of Juvenile 262 Justice the Juvenile Justice Standards and Training Commission, 263 hereinafter referred to as the commission. The 17-member 264 commission shall consist of the Attorney General or designee, 265 the Commissioner of Education or designee, a member of the 266 juvenile court judiciary to be appointed by the Chief Justice of 267 the Supreme Court, and 14 members to be appointed by the 268 Secretary of Juvenile Justice as follows:

269 1. Seven members shall be juvenile justice professionals: a superintendent or a direct care staff member from an 270 271 institution; a director from a contracted community-based 272 program; a superintendent and a direct care staff member from a 273 regional detention center or facility; a juvenile probation 274 officer supervisor and a juvenile probation officer; and a 275 director of a day treatment or conditional release program. No fewer than three of these members shall be contract providers. 276 277 -Two members shall be representatives of local law 278 enforcement agencies.

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279 3. One member shall be an educator from the state's 280 university and community college program of criminology, 281 criminal justice administration, social work, psychology, 282 sociology, or other field of study pertinent to the training of 283 juvenile justice program staff. 284 4. One member shall be a member of the public. 285 5. One member shall be a state attorney, or assistant 286 state attorney, who has juvenile court experience. 287 6. One member shall be a public defender, or assistant public defender, who has juvenile court experience. 288 7. One member shall be a representative of the business 289 290 community. 291 292 All appointed members shall be appointed to serve terms of 2 293 years. 294 (b) The composition of the commission shall be broadly 295 reflective of the public and shall include minorities and women. The term "minorities" as used in this paragraph means a member 296 297 of a socially or economically disadvantaged group that includes 298 blacks, Hispanics, and American Indians. 299 (c) The Department of Juvenile Justice shall provide the 300 commission with staff necessary to assist the commission in the 301 performance of its duties. 302 (d) The commission shall annually elect its chairperson 303 and other officers. The commission shall hold at least four regular meetings each year at the call of the chairperson or 304 305 upon the written request of three members of the commission. A 306 majority of the members of the commission constitutes a quorum. Page 11 of 17

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307 Members of the commission shall serve without compensation but 308 are entitled to be reimbursed for per diem and travel expenses 309 as provided by s. 112.061 and these expenses shall be paid from 310 the Juvenile Justice Training Trust Fund.

311 (e) The <u>department</u> powers, duties, and functions of the 312 commission shall be to:

313 (a) 1. Designate the location of the training academies; develop, implement, maintain, and update the curriculum to be 314 315 used in the training of juvenile justice program staff; 316 establish timeframes for participation in and completion of 317 training by juvenile justice program staff; develop, implement, maintain, and update job-related examinations; develop, 318 implement, and update the types and frequencies of evaluations 319 320 of the training academies; approve, modify, or disapprove the budget for the training academies, and the contractor to be 321 322 selected to organize and operate the training academies and to 323 provide the training curriculum.

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

326 <u>(c)</u>^{3.} Consult and cooperate with the state or any 327 political subdivision; any private entity or contractor; and 328 with private and public universities, colleges, community 329 colleges, and other educational institutions concerning the 330 development of juvenile justice training and programs or courses 331 of instruction, including, but not limited to, education and 332 training in the areas of juvenile justice.

333 <u>(d)</u>4. Enter into With the approval of the department, make 334 and enter into such contracts and agreements with other

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335 agencies, organizations, associations, corporations,

336 individuals, or federal agencies as the commission determines

337 are necessary in the execution of <u>the</u> its powers <u>of the</u> 338 department or the performance of its duties.

339 5. Make recommendations to the Department of Juvenile 340 Justice concerning any matter within the purview of this 341 section.

342 (3) JUVENILE JUSTICE TRAINING PROGRAM.-The department 343 commission shall establish a certifiable program for juvenile 344 justice training pursuant to this section, and all department 345 program staff and providers who deliver direct care services pursuant to contract with the department shall be required to 346 347 participate in and successfully complete the department-approved 348 commission-approved program of training pertinent to their areas of responsibility. Judges, state attorneys, and public 349 350 defenders, law enforcement officers, and school district 351 personnel may participate in such training program. For the 352 juvenile justice program staff, the department commission shall, 353 based on 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.

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362 2. Be a high school graduate or its equivalent as
363 determined by the <u>department</u> commission.

364 Not have been convicted of any felony or a misdemeanor 3. 365 involving perjury or a false statement, or have received a 366 dishonorable discharge from any of the Armed Forces of the United States. Any person who, after September 30, 1999, pleads 367 368 quilty or nolo contendere to or is found quilty of any felony or 369 a misdemeanor involving perjury or false statement is not 370 eligible for employment, notwithstanding suspension of sentence 371 or withholding of adjudication. Notwithstanding this 372 subparagraph, any person who pled nolo contendere to a 373 misdemeanor involving a false statement before October 1, 1999, 374 and who has had such record of that plea sealed or expunded is 375 not ineligible for employment for that reason.

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

379 Execute and submit to the department an affidavit-of-5. 380 application form, adopted by the department, attesting to his or 381 her compliance with subparagraphs 1.-4. The affidavit must be 382 executed under oath and constitutes an official statement under s. 837.06. The affidavit must include conspicuous language that 383 384 the intentional false execution of the affidavit constitutes a 385 misdemeanor of the second degree. The employing agency shall retain the affidavit. 386

387 (b) Design, implement, maintain, evaluate, and revise an
388 advanced training program, including a competency-based
389 examination for each training course, which is intended to

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390 enhance knowledge, skills, and abilities related to job 391 performance.

392 (c) Design, implement, maintain, evaluate, and revise a
 393 career development training program, including a competency 394 based examination for each training course. Career development
 395 courses are intended to prepare personnel for promotion.

(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.-

402 There is created within the State Treasury a Juvenile (a) 403 Justice Training Trust Fund to be used by the department of 404 Juvenile Justice for the purpose of funding the development and 405 updating of a job-task analysis of juvenile justice personnel; 406 the development, implementation, and updating of job-related 407 training courses and examinations; and the cost of commission-408 approved juvenile justice training courses; and reimbursement 409 for expenses as provided in s. 112.061 for members of the 410 commission and staff.

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

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

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(5) ESTABLISHMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE TRAINING ACADEMIES.The number, location, and establishment of juvenile justice
training academies shall be determined by the <u>department</u>
commission.

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(6) SCHOLARSHIPS AND STIPENDS.-

425 By rule, the department commission shall establish (a) 426 criteria to award scholarships or stipends to qualified juvenile 427 justice personnel who are residents of the state who want to 428 pursue a bachelor's or associate in arts degree in juvenile 429 justice or a related field. The department shall handle the 430 administration of the scholarship or stipend. The Department of 431 Education shall handle the notes issued for the payment of the 432 scholarships or stipends. All scholarship and stipend awards 433 shall be paid from the Juvenile Justice Training Trust Fund upon 434 vouchers approved by the Department of Education and properly 435 certified by the Chief Financial Officer. Prior to the award of 436 a scholarship or stipend, the juvenile justice employee must 437 agree in writing to practice her or his profession in juvenile justice or a related field for 1 month for each month of grant 438 439 or to repay the full amount of the scholarship or stipend together with interest at the rate of 5 percent per annum over a 440 period not to exceed 10 years. Repayment shall be made payable 441 442 to the state for deposit into the Juvenile Justice Training 443 Trust Fund.

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

447 (7) ADOPTION OF RULES.—The <u>department</u> commission shall
448 adopt rules as necessary to carry out the provisions of this
449 section.

450 (8) PARTICIPATION OF CERTAIN PROGRAMS IN THE STATE RISK 451 MANAGEMENT TRUST FUND.-Pursuant to s. 284.30, the Division of Risk Management of the Department of Financial Services is 452 453 authorized to insure a private agency, individual, or 454 corporation operating a state-owned training school under a 455 contract to carry out the purposes and responsibilities of any 456 program of the department. The coverage authorized herein shall 457 be under the same general terms and conditions as the department 458 is insured for its responsibilities under chapter 284.

459 (9) The Juvenile Justice Standards and Training Commission
460 is terminated on June 30, 2001, and such termination shall be
461 reviewed by the Legislature prior to that date.

462Section 15.Subsection (8) of section 985.48, Florida463Statutes, is repealed.

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Section 16. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.

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