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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	___	(Y/N)
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OTHER	_____	

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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Justice Appropriations  
2 Subcommittee

3 Representative Nelson offered the following:

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5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Between lines 55 and 56, insert:

7 The Department of Corrections is not required to spend  
8 state funds to implement the provisions of this act.

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13 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

14 Remove line 13 and insert:

15 treatment programs; providing that the Department of Corrections  
16 is not required to spend state funds under this act; providing  
17 an effective date.

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19 WHEREAS, Florida has the third largest population of  
20 veterans in the nation with more than 1.6 million, and

21 WHEREAS, Florida has historically honored the noble  
22 sacrifices that veterans and members of the military have made  
23 to protect our freedoms by providing them certain benefits and  
24 rehabilitative services, and

25 WHEREAS, studies have shown that military service may exact  
26 a tremendous psychological toll on veterans and members of the  
27 military who are faced with the constant threat of death or  
28 injury over an extended period of time, and

29 WHEREAS, research has shown that a significant number of  
30 veterans and members of the military will suffer, as a result of  
31 their military service, mental health problems, such as post-  
32 traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, depression,  
33 anxiety, and acute stress, and

34 WHEREAS, such military service-related mental health  
35 problems, including the use of drugs and alcohol to cope with  
36 such problems, can lead to encounters with the criminal justice  
37 system that would not have occurred without the military  
38 service-related mental health problem, and

39 WHEREAS, as a grateful state, we must continue to honor the  
40 military service of our men and women by attempting to provide  
41 them with an alternative to incarceration when feasible,  
42 permitting them instead to access proper treatment for mental  
43 health and substance abuse problems resulting from military  
44 service, and

45 WHEREAS, therefore, the legislature finds that it is in the  
46 best interests of Florida citizens to assist veterans and

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47 members of the military involved in the criminal justice system  
48 who have a military service-related mental health problem.