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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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The Committee on Criminal Justice (Brandes) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 50 - 67

and insert:

committed a misdemeanor, may, with the victim's consent, issue a simple warning or inform the child's guardian or parent of the child's infraction, or may issue a civil citation or require participation in a similar diversion program, and assess up to ~~not more than~~ 50 community service hours, and require participation in intervention services as indicated by an



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11 assessment of the needs of the juvenile, including family
12 counseling, urinalysis monitoring, and substance abuse and
13 mental health treatment services. Absent exceptional situations,
14 the Legislature encourages law enforcement officers to issue a
15 civil citation, unless the misdemeanor is a threat to public
16 safety. A copy of each citation issued under this section shall
17 be provided to the department, and the department shall enter
18 appropriate information into the juvenile offender information
19 system. Use of the civil citation or similar diversion program
20 is not limited to first-time offenses and may be used in a
21 second or subsequent offense. ~~Only first-time misdemeanor~~
22 ~~offenders are~~

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24 And the title is amended as follows:

25 Delete lines 3 - 17

26 and insert:

27 985.12, F.S.; authorizing a law enforcement officer,
28 with the victim's consent, to choose to issue a
29 warning to a juvenile who admits having committed a
30 misdemeanor or to inform the juvenile's parent or
31 guardian of the juvenile's infraction; authorizing a
32 law enforcement officer who does not exercise one of
33 these options to issue a civil citation or require
34 participation in a similar diversion program;
35 providing that, absent exceptional situations, the
36 Legislature encourages law enforcement officers to
37 issue a civil citation, unless the misdemeanor is a
38 threat to public safety; providing that repeat
39 misdemeanor offenders may participate in the civil



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citation program or a similar diversion program under
certain circumstances; reenacting