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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Senator Garcia moved the following:

Senate Amendment to Amendment (902964) (with title amendment)

Between lines 3889 and 3890

insert:

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Section 1. Present subsection (4) of section 985.345, Florida Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (7) and amended, and new subsection (4) and subsections (5) and (6) are added to that section, to read: 985.345 Delinquency pretrial intervention program.-

(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a child is

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12	eligible for voluntary admission into a delinquency pretrial
13	mental health court program established pursuant to s.
14	394.47892, if approved by the chief judge of the circuit, for a
15	period of time determined by the program requirements and the
16	nature of the treatment services that are appropriate for the
17	child, upon motion of either party or the court's own motion if
18	the child is charged with:
19	(a) A misdemeanor;
20	(b) A nonviolent felony, which for purposes of this
21	subsection means a felony violation of the third degree of
22	chapter 810 or any other felony offense that is not a forcible
23	felony as defined in s. 776.08;
24	(c) Resisting an officer with violence under s. 843.01, if
25	the law enforcement officer and state attorney consent to the
26	child's participation;
27	(d) Battery on a law enforcement officer under 784.07, if
28	the law enforcement officer and state attorney consent to the
29	child's participation; or
30	(e) Aggravated assault, if the victim and state attorney
31	consent to the child's participation,
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33	and the child is identified as having a mental illness and has
34	not been previously adjudicated for a felony.
35	(5) At the end of the delinquency pretrial intervention
36	period, the court shall consider the recommendation of the state
37	attorney and the program administrator as to disposition of the
38	pending charges. The court shall determine, by written finding,
39	whether the child has successfully completed the delinquency
40	pretrial intervention program. If the court finds that the child

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41 <u>has not successfully completed the delinquency pretrial</u> 42 <u>intervention program, the court may order the child to continue</u> 43 <u>in an education, treatment, or monitoring program if resources</u> 44 <u>and funding are available or order that the charges revert to</u> 45 <u>normal channels for prosecution. The court may dismiss the</u> 46 <u>charges upon a finding that the child has successfully completed</u> 47 <u>the delinquency pretrial intervention program.</u>

(6) A child whose charges are dismissed after successful completion of the mental health court program, if otherwise eligible, may have his or her arrest record and plea of nolo contendere to the dismissed charges expunged under s. 943.0585.

52 (7) (4) Any entity, whether public or private, providing 53 pretrial substance abuse education, treatment intervention, and 54 a urine monitoring program, or a mental health program under 55 this section must contract with the county or appropriate 56 governmental entity, and the terms of the contract must include, 57 but need not be limited to, the requirements established for private entities under s. 948.15(3). It is the intent of the 58 59 Legislature that public or private entities providing substance abuse education and treatment intervention programs involve the 60 active participation of parents, schools, churches, businesses, 61 62 law enforcement agencies, and the department or its contract 63 providers.

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70 authorizing pretrial mental health court programs for 71 certain juvenile offenders; providing for disposition 72 of pending charges after completion of the pretrial 73 intervention program; amending ss. 1002.20 and