1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to youth in solitary confinement; 3 creating s. 945.425, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting 4 the Department of Corrections from placing a youth in 5 solitary confinement except under certain 6 circumstances; prohibiting the use of solitary 7 confinement for punitive purposes or as a form of 8 discipline; authorizing a youth to be placed in 9 emergency confinement if certain conditions are met; 10 requiring facility staff to document such placement; 11 requiring that, within a specified timeframe and at 12 specified intervals, a mental health clinician conduct certain evaluations of a youth who is in emergency 13 14 confinement; limiting the allowable length of time for emergency confinement; requiring specific treatment 15 16 for a youth who is in emergency confinement; 17 prohibiting the use of emergency confinement for certain purposes; authorizing a youth to be placed in 18 19 medical confinement under certain circumstances; limiting the allowable length of time for medical 20 21 confinement; requiring facility staff to document such confinement; requiring that, within a specified 22 23 timeframe and at specified intervals, a medical professional conduct certain evaluations of a youth 24 25 who is in medical confinement; prohibiting the use of

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26 medical confinement for certain purposes; requiring 27 the department to review its policies and procedures 28 relating to youth in solitary confinement; requiring 29 the department to certify compliance in a report to 30 the Governor and Legislature by a specified date; requiring the department to adopt policies and 31 32 procedures; providing applicability; amending 951.23, 33 F.S.; requiring sheriffs and chief correctional officers to adopt model standards relating to youth; 34 35 creating s. 985.28, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting 36 the Department of Juvenile Justice from placing a 37 child in solitary confinement except under certain circumstances; prohibiting the use of solitary 38 39 confinement for punitive purposes or as a form of discipline; authorizing a child to be placed in 40 41 emergency confinement if certain conditions are met; 42 requiring facility staff to document such placement; 43 requiring that, within a specified timeframe and at specified intervals, a mental health clinician conduct 44 certain evaluations of a child who is in emergency 45 confinement; limiting the allowable length of time for 46 47 the use of emergency confinement; requiring specific 48 treatment for a child who is in emergency confinement; prohibiting the use of emergency confinement for 49 50 certain purposes; authorizing a youth to be placed in

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51 medical confinement under certain circumstances; 52 limiting the allowable length of time for medical 53 confinement; requiring facility staff to document such placement; requiring that, within a specified 54 55 timeframe and at specified intervals, a medical 56 professional conduct certain evaluations of a child 57 who is in medical confinement; prohibiting the use of 58 medical confinement for certain purposes; requiring 59 the department and the boards of county commissioners 60 of each county that administers a detention facility 61 to review policies and procedures relating to 62 disciplinary treatment; requiring the department and the boards of county commissioners of each county that 63 64 administers a detention facility to certify compliance in a report to the Governor and Legislature by a 65 specified date; providing applicability; creating s. 66 67 985.4415, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting facility staff from placing a child in solitary confinement, 68 69 except under certain circumstances; prohibiting the use of solitary confinement for punitive purposes or 70 71 as a form of discipline; authorizing a child to be 72 placed in emergency confinement if certain conditions 73 are met; requiring facility staff to document such 74 placement; requiring that, within a specified 75 timeframe and at specified intervals, a mental health

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76 clinician conduct certain evaluations of a child who 77 is in emergency confinement; limiting the allowable 78 length of time for emergency confinement; requiring 79 specific treatment for a child who is in emergency 80 confinement; prohibiting the use of emergency 81 confinement for certain purposes; authorizing a youth 82 to be placed in medical confinement under certain 83 circumstances; limiting the allowable length of time for medical confinement; requiring facility staff to 84 85 document such placement; requiring that, within a 86 specified timeframe and at specified intervals, a 87 medical professional conduct certain evaluations of a child who is in medical confinement; prohibiting the 88 89 use of medical confinement for certain purposes; 90 requiring the department to review policies and procedures relating to disciplinary treatment; 91 92 requiring the department to certify compliance in a 93 report to the Governor and Legislature by a specified 94 date; providing applicability; amending s. 944.09, 95 F.S.; authorizing the Department of Corrections to 96 adopt rules; amending s. 985.601, F.S.; requiring the 97 Department of Juvenile Justice to adopt rules; reenacting s. 944.279(1), F.S., relating to 98 disciplinary procedures applicable to a prisoner for 99 100 filing frivolous or malicious actions or bringing

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101 false information before a court, to incorporate the 102 amendment made to s. 944.09, F.S., in a reference 103 thereto; providing an effective date. 104 105 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 106 Section 1. Section 945.425, Florida Statutes, is created 107 108 to read: 945.425 Youth in solitary confinement.-109 110 DEFINITIONS.-As used in this section, the term: (1) "Emergency confinement" means a type of solitary 111 (a) 112 confinement that involves the involuntary placement of a youth 113 in an isolated room to separate that youth from the general inmate population and to remove him or her from a situation in 114 115 which he or she presents an immediate and serious danger to the 116 security or safety of himself or herself or others. 117 (b) "Medical confinement" means a type of solitary 118 confinement that involves the involuntary placement of a youth 119 in an isolated room to separate that youth from the general 120 inmate population to allow him or her to recover from an illness 121 or to prevent the spread of a communicable illness. 122 (C) "Mental health clinician" means a psychiatrist, psychologist, social worker, or nurse practitioner. 123 124 "Solitary confinement" means the involuntary placement (d) of a youth in an isolated room to separate that youth from the 125

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126	general inmate population for any period of time.					
127	(e) "Youth" means a person within the custody of the					
128	department who is under the age of 19 years.					
129	(2) PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF SOLITARY CONFINEMENTA					
130	youth may not be placed in solitary confinement, except as					
131	provided in this section.					
132	(3) PUNATIVE SOLITARY CONFINEMENTA youth may not be					
133	placed in solitary confinement for punitive purposes or as a					
134	form of discipline for a violation of facility or department					
135	rules.					
136	(4) PROTECTING YOUTH IN EMERGENCY CONFINEMENT					
137	(a) A youth may be placed in emergency confinement if all					
138	of the following conditions are met:					
139	1. A nonphysical intervention with the youth would not be					
140	effective in preventing harm or danger to the youth or others.					
141	2. There is imminent risk of the youth physically harming					
142	himself or herself, staff, or others or the youth is engaged in					
143	major property destruction that is likely to compromise the					
144	security of the program or jeopardize the safety of the youth or					
145	others.					
146	3. All less-restrictive means have been exhausted.					
147	(b) Facility staff shall document the placement of a youth					
148	in emergency confinement. The documentation must include					
149	justification for the placement, in addition to a description of					
150	the less-restrictive options that the facility staff exercised					

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151	before the youth was so placed.					
152	(c) A mental health clinician shall evaluate a youth who					
153	is placed in emergency confinement within 1 hour after such					
154	placement to ensure that the confinement is not detrimental to					
155	the mental or physical health of the youth. Following the					
156	initial evaluation, a mental health clinician shall conduct a					
157	face-to-face evaluation of the youth every hour thereafter to					
158	determine whether the youth should remain in emergency					
159	confinement. The mental health clinician shall document each					
160	evaluation and provide justification for continued placement in					
161	emergency confinement.					
162	(d) A youth may not be placed in emergency confinement for					
163	more than 4 hours unless an extension is sought and obtained by					
164	a mental health clinician.					
165	1. If a mental health clinician determines that release of					
166	the youth would imminently threaten the safety of the youth or					
167	others, the mental health clinician may grant a one-time					
168	extension of 4 hours for continued placement in emergency					
169	confinement.					
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170	<u>confinement.</u> 2. If, at the conclusion of the 8-hour period, a mental					
170 171	<u>confinement.</u> <u>2. If, at the conclusion of the 8-hour period, a mental</u> <u>health clinician determines that it is not safe for the youth to</u>					
170 171 172	<u>confinement.</u> <u>2. If, at the conclusion of the 8-hour period, a mental</u> <u>health clinician determines that it is not safe for the youth to</u> <u>be released from emergency confinement, the facility staff must</u>					
170 171 172 173	<u>confinement.</u> <u>2. If, at the conclusion of the 8-hour period, a mental</u> <u>health clinician determines that it is not safe for the youth to</u> <u>be released from emergency confinement, the facility staff must</u> <u>prepare to transfer the youth to a facility that is able to</u>					

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176 provided access to the same meals and drinking water, clothing, 177 medical treatment, contact with parents and legal guardians, and 178 legal assistance as provided to youth in the general inmate 179 population. 180 (f) The use of emergency confinement is strictly 181 prohibited for the purposes of punishment or discipline. 182 (5) PROTECTING YOUTH IN MEDICAL CONFINEMENT.-183 (a) A youth may be placed in medical confinement if all of 184 the following conditions are met: 185 Isolation from the general inmate population and staff 1. 186 is required to allow the youth to rest and recover from illness 187 or to prevent the spread of a communicable illness. 188 2. A medical professional deems such placement necessary. 189 3. The use of other less-restrictive means would not be 190 sufficient to allow the youth to recover from illness or to 191 prevent the spread of a communicable illness. 192 (b) A youth may be placed in medical confinement for a 193 period of time not to exceed the time that is necessary for the 194 youth to recover from his or her illness or to prevent the 195 spread of a communicable illness to other inmates or staff in 196 the facility. 197 (c) Facility staff shall document the placement of a youth in medical confinement. The documentation must include a medical 198 199 professional's justification for the placement. 200 A medical professional must evaluate a youth who is (d)

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201	held in medical confinement face-to-face at least once every 12						
202	hours to determine whether the youth should remain in medical						
203	confinement. The medical professional shall document each						
204	evaluation and provide justification for continued placement in						
205	medical confinement.						
206	(e) The use of medical confinement is strictly prohibited						
207	for the purposes of punishment or discipline.						
208	(6) IMPLEMENTATION						
209	(a) The department shall review its policies and						
210	procedures relating to youth in solitary confinement to						
211	determine whether its policies and procedures comply with this						
212	section.						
213	(b) The department shall certify compliance with this						
214	section in a report that the department shall submit to the						
215	Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the						
216	House of Representatives by January 1, 2020.						
217	(c) The department shall adopt policies and procedures						
218	necessary to administer this section.						
219	(d) This section does not supersede any law providing						
220	greater or additional protections to a youth in this state.						
221	Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section						
222	951.23, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:						
223	951.23 County and municipal detention facilities;						
224	definitions; administration; standards and requirements						
225	(4) STANDARDS FOR SHERIFFS AND CHIEF CORRECTIONAL						
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227 There shall be established A five-member working group (a) 228 is established which consists consisting of three persons 229 appointed by the Florida Sheriffs Association and two persons 230 appointed by the Florida Association of Counties to develop 231 model standards for county and municipal detention facilities. 232 At a minimum By October 1, 1996, each sheriff and chief 233 correctional officer shall adopt, at a minimum, the model 234 standards with reference to:

1.a. The construction, equipping, maintenance, andoperation of county and municipal detention facilities.

237 b. The cleanliness and sanitation of county and municipal 238 detention facilities; the number of county and municipal 239 prisoners who may be housed therein per specified unit of floor 240 space; the quality, quantity, and supply of bedding furnished to such prisoners; the quality, quantity, and diversity of food 241 242 served to them and the manner in which it is served; the furnishing to them of medical attention and health and comfort 243 244 items; and the disciplinary treatment that which may be meted 245 out to them.

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Notwithstanding the provisions of the otherwise applicable building code, a reduced custody housing area may be occupied by inmates or may be used for sleeping purposes as allowed in subsection (7). The sheriff or chief correctional officer shall

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251 provide that a reduced custody housing area shall be governed by 252 fire and life safety standards which do not interfere with the 253 normal use of the facility and which affect a reasonable degree 254 of compliance with rules of the State Fire Marshal for 255 correctional facilities.

256 2. The confinement of prisoners by classification and 257 providing, whenever possible, for classifications that which separate males from females, juveniles from adults, felons from 258 259 misdemeanants, and those awaiting trial from those convicted and, in addition, providing for the separation of special risk 260 261 prisoners, such as the mentally ill, alcohol or narcotic 262 addicts, sex deviates, suicide risks, and any other 263 classification which the local unit may deem necessary for the 264 safety of the prisoners and the operation of the facility 265 pursuant to degree of risk and danger criteria. Nondangerous 266 felons may be housed with misdemeanants.

267 <u>3. The confinement of prisoners by classification on the</u> 268 <u>basis of age and a strict prohibition on the use of solitary</u> 269 <u>confinement for prisoners under the age of 19 years, in</u> 270 <u>compliance with s. 945.425.</u>

271 Section 3. Section 985.28, Florida Statutes, is created to 272 read:

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985.28 Solitary confinement in detention facilities.-

DEFINITIONS.-As used in this section, the term:

"Child" means a person who is in the custody of the

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276 department and who is under the age of 19 years. 277 "Emergency confinement" means a type of solitary (b) 278 confinement that involves the involuntary placement of a child 279 in an isolated room to separate that child from other children 280 in the facility and to remove him or her from a situation in 281 which he or she presents an immediate and serious danger to the 282 security or safety of himself or herself or others. 283 "Medical confinement" means a type of solitary (C) 284 confinement that involves the involuntary placement of a child 285 in an isolated room to separate that child from other children 286 in the facility to allow the child to recover from illness or to 287 prevent the spread of a communicable illness. "Mental health clinician" means a psychiatrist, 288 (d) 289 psychologist, social worker, or nurse practitioner. 290 "Solitary confinement" means the involuntary placement (e) 291 of a child in an isolated room to separate that child from other 292 children in the facility for any period of time. 293 PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF SOLITARY CONFINEMENT.-A (2) 294 child may not be placed in solitary confinement, except as 295 provided in this section. 296 PUNATIVE SOLITARY CONFINEMENT .- A youth may not be (3) 297 placed in solitary confinement for punitive purposes or as a 298 form of discipline for a violation of facility or department 299 rules. 300 PROTECTING A CHILD IN EMERGENCY CONFINEMENT.-(4)

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301	(a) A child may be placed in emergency confinement if all						
302	of the following conditions are met:						
303	1. A nonphysical intervention with the child would not be						
304	effective in preventing harm or danger to the child or others.						
305	2. There is imminent risk of the child physically harming						
306	himself or herself, staff, or others or the child is engaged in						
307	major property destruction that is likely to compromise the						
308	security of the program or jeopardize the safety of the child or						
309	others.						
310	3. All less-restrictive means have been exhausted.						
311	(b) Facility staff shall document the placement of a child						
312	in emergency confinement. The documentation must include						
313	justification for the placement of a child in emergency						
314	confinement, in addition to a description of the less-						
315	restrictive options that the facility staff exercised before the						
316	child was so placed.						
317	(c) A mental health clinician shall evaluate a child who						
318	is placed in emergency confinement within 1 hour of such						
319	placement to ensure that the confinement is not detrimental to						
320	the mental or physical health of the child. Following the						
321	initial evaluation, a mental health clinician shall conduct a						
322	face-to-face evaluation of the child every hour thereafter to						
323	determine whether the child should remain in emergency						
324	confinement. The mental health clinician shall document each						
325	evaluation and provide justification for continued placement in						

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226	omengenet confinement					
326	emergency confinement.					
327	(d) A child may not be placed in emergency confinement for					
328	more than 4 hours unless an extension is sought and obtained by					
329	<u>a mental health clinician.</u>					
330	1. If a mental health clinician determines that release of					
331	the child would imminently threaten the safety of the child or					
332	others, the mental health clinician may grant a one-time					
333	extension of 4 hours for continued placement in emergency					
334	confinement.					
335	2. If, at the conclusion of the 8-hour period, a mental					
336	health clinician determines that it is not safe for the child to					
337	be released from emergency confinement, the facility staff must					
338	prepare to transfer the child to a facility that is able to					
339	provide specialized treatment to address the child's needs.					
340	(e) A child who is placed in emergency confinement must be					
341	provided access to the same meals and drinking water, clothing,					
342	medical treatment, contact with parents and legal guardians, and					
343	legal assistance as provided to children in the facility.					
344	(f) The use of emergency confinement is strictly					
345	prohibited for the purposes of punishment or discipline.					
346	(5) PROTECTING A CHILD IN MEDICAL CONFINEMENT					
347	(a) A child may be placed in medical confinement if all of					
348	the following conditions are met:					
349	1. Isolation from staff and other children in the facility					
350	is required to allow the child to rest and recover from illness					
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351	or to prevent the spread of a communicable illness.					
352	2. A medical professional deems such placement necessary.					
353	3. The use of other less-restrictive means would not be					
354	sufficient to allow the child to recover from illness or to					
355	prevent the spread of a communicable illness.					
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357	period of time not to exceed the time that is necessary for the					
358	child to recover from his or her illness or to prevent the					
359	spread of a communicable illness to other children or staff in					
360	the facility.					
361	(c) Facility staff shall document the placement of a child					
362	in medical confinement. The documentation must include a medical					
363	professional's justification for the placement.					
364	(d) A medical professional must conduct a face-to-face					
365	evaluation of a child who is held in medical confinement at					
366	least once every 12 hours to determine whether the child should					
367	remain in medical confinement. The medical professional shall					
368	document each evaluation and provide justification for continued					
369	placement in medical confinement.					
370	(e) The use of medical confinement is strictly prohibited					
371	for the purposes of punishment or discipline.					
372	(6) IMPLEMENTATION					
373	(a) The department and the board of county commissioners					
374	of each county that administers a detention facility shall					
375	review their policies and procedures relating to disciplinary					
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376 treatment to determine whether their policies and procedures 377 comply with this section. 378 The department and the board of county commissioners (b) 379 of each county that administers a detention facility shall 380 certify compliance with this section in a report that the 381 department and the commission shall submit to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of 382 Representatives by January 1, 2020. 383 (C) 384 This section does not supersede any law providing greater or additional protections to a child in this state. 385 386 Section 4. Section 985.4415, Florida Statutes, is created 387 to read: 985.4415 Solitary confinement in residential facilities.-388 389 (1) DEFINITIONS.-As used in this section, the term: (a) 390 "Child" means a person within the custody of the 391 department who is under the age of 19 years. 392 "Emergency confinement" means a type of solitary (b) 393 confinement that involves the involuntary placement of a child 394 in an isolated room to separate that child from other children 395 in the facility and to remove him or her from a situation in 396 which he or she presents an immediate and serious danger to the 397 security or safety of himself or herself or others. "Medical confinement" means a type of solitary 398 (C) 399 confinement that involves the involuntary placement of a child 400 in an isolated room to separate that child from the other

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402	illness or to prevent the spread of a communicable illness.
403	(d) "Mental health clinician" means a psychiatrist,
404	psychologist, social worker, or nurse practitioner.
405	(e) "Solitary confinement" means the involuntary placement
406	of a child in an isolated room to separate that child from the
407	other children in the facility for any period of time.
408	(2) PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF SOLITARY CONFINEMENTA
409	child may not be placed in solitary confinement, except as
410	provided in this section.
411	(3) PUNATIVE SOLITARY CONFINEMENTA youth may not be
412	placed in solitary confinement for punitive purposes or as a
413	form of discipline for a violation of facility or department
414	rules.
415	(4) PROTECTING A CHILD IN EMERGENCY CONFINEMENT
416	(a) A child may be placed in emergency confinement if all
417	of the following conditions are met:
418	1. A nonphysical intervention with the child would not be
419	effective in preventing harm or danger to the child or others.
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420	2. There is imminent risk of the child physically harming
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421	2. There is imminent risk of the child physically harming himself or herself, staff, or others or the child is engaged in major property destruction that is likely to compromise the
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421 422 423	2. There is imminent risk of the child physically harming himself or herself, staff, or others or the child is engaged in major property destruction that is likely to compromise the security of the program or jeopardize the safety of the child or

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426 Facility staff shall document the placement of a child (b) 427 in emergency confinement. The documentation must include 428 justification for the placement of a child in emergency 429 confinement, in addition to a description of the other lessrestrictive options that the facility staff exercised before the 430 431 child was so placed. 432 (c) A mental health clinician shall evaluate a child who 433 is placed in emergency confinement within 1 hour of such 434 placement to ensure that the confinement is not detrimental to 435 the mental or physical health of the child. Following the 436 initial evaluation, a mental health clinician shall conduct a 437 face-to-face evaluation of the child every hour thereafter to 438 determine whether the child should remain in emergency 439 confinement. The mental health clinician shall document each 440 evaluation and provide justification for continued placement in 441 emergency confinement. 442 (d) A child may not be placed in emergency confinement for 443 more than 4 hours unless an extension is sought and obtained by 444 a mental health clinician. 445 1. If a mental health clinician determines that release of 446 the child would imminently threaten the safety of the child or 447 others, the mental health clinician may grant a one-time 448 extension of 4 hours for continued placement in emergency 449 confinement. 450 2. If, at the conclusion of the 8-hour period, a mental Page 18 of 23

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451	health clinician determines that it is not safe for the child to
452	be released from emergency confinement, the facility staff must
453	prepare to transfer the child to a facility that is able to
454	provide specialized treatment to address the child's needs.
455	(e) A child who is placed in emergency confinement must be
456	provided access to the same meals and drinking water, clothing,
457	medical treatment, contact with parents and legal guardians, and
458	legal assistance as provided to children in the facility.
459	(f) The use of emergency confinement is strictly
460	prohibited for the purposes of punishment or discipline.
461	(5) PROTECTING A CHILD IN MEDICAL CONFINEMENT
462	(a) A child may be placed in medical confinement if all of
463	the following conditions are met:
464	1. Isolation from other children and staff in the facility
465	is required to allow a child to rest and recover from illness or
466	to prevent the spread of a communicable illness.
467	2. A medical professional deems such placement necessary.
468	3. The use of other less-restrictive means would not be
469	sufficient to allow the child to recover from illness or to
470	prevent the spread of a communicable illness.
471	(b) A child may be placed in medical confinement for a
472	period of time not to exceed the time that is necessary for the
473	child to recover from his or her illness or to prevent the
474	spread of a communicable illness to other children or staff in
475	the facility.

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476	(c) Facility staff shall document the placement of a child
477	in medical confinement. The documentation must include a medical
478	professional's justification for the placement.
479	(d) A medical professional must conduct a face-to-face
480	evaluation of a child who is held in medical confinement at
481	least once every 12 hours to determine whether the child should
482	remain in medical confinement. The medical professional shall
483	document each evaluation and provide justification for continued
484	placement in medical confinement.
485	(e) The use of medical confinement is strictly prohibited
486	for the purposes of punishment or discipline.
487	(6) IMPLEMENTATION
488	(a) The department shall review its policies and
489	procedures relating to disciplinary treatment in residential
490	facilities to determine whether their policies and procedures
491	comply with this section.
492	(b) The department shall certify compliance with this
493	section in a report that the department shall submit to the
494	Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
495	House of Representatives by January 1, 2020.
496	(c) This section does not supersede any law providing
497	greater or additional protections to a child in this state.
498	Section 5. Paragraph (s) is added to subsection (1) of
499	section 944.09, Florida Statutes, to read:
500	944.09 Rules of the department; offenders, probationers,
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501 and parolees.-502 The department has authority to adopt rules pursuant (1)503 to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement its statutory 504 authority. The rules must include rules relating to: 505 (s) Youth in solitary confinement in compliance with s. 506 945.425. 507 Section 6. Paragraph (b) of subsection (9) of section 508 985.601, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 985.601 Administering the juvenile justice continuum.-509 510 (9) (b) The department shall adopt rules prescribing standards and requirements with reference to: 511 512 1. The construction, equipping, maintenance, staffing, programming, and operation of detention facilities; 513 2. 514 The treatment, training, and education of children confined in detention facilities: 515 The cleanliness and sanitation of detention facilities; 516 3. 517 4. The number of children who may be housed in detention facilities per specified unit of floor space; 518 519 5. The quality, quantity, and supply of bedding furnished 520 to children housed in detention facilities; 521 6. The quality, quantity, and diversity of food served in 522 detention facilities and the manner in which it is served; The furnishing of medical attention and health and 523 7. comfort items in detention facilities; and 524 525 8. The disciplinary treatment administered in detention

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526	and residential facilities; and.
527	9. The strict prohibition on the use of solitary
528	confinement on children under the age of 19 years in compliance
529	with ss. 985.28 and 985.4415.
530	Section 7. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
531	made by this act to section 944.09, Florida Statutes, in a
532	reference thereto, subsection (1) of section 944.279, Florida
533	Statutes, is reenacted to read:
534	944.279 Disciplinary procedures applicable to prisoner for
535	filing frivolous or malicious actions or bringing false
536	information before court
537	(1) At any time, and upon its own motion or on motion of a
538	party, a court may conduct an inquiry into whether any action or
539	appeal brought by a prisoner was brought in good faith. A
540	prisoner who is found by a court to have brought a frivolous or
541	malicious suit, action, claim, proceeding, or appeal in any
542	court of this state or in any federal court, which is filed
543	after June 30, 1996, or to have brought a frivolous or malicious
544	collateral criminal proceeding, which is filed after September
545	30, 2004, or who knowingly or with reckless disregard for the
546	truth brought false information or evidence before the court, is
547	subject to disciplinary procedures pursuant to the rules of the
548	Department of Corrections. The court shall issue a written
549	finding and direct that a certified copy be forwarded to the
550	appropriate institution or facility for disciplinary procedures
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551 pursuant to the rules of the department as provided in s. 552 944.09.

Section 8. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.

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