A bill to be entitled

An act relating to minimum age for arrest or prosecution; creating s. 985.031, F.S.; providing a short title; prohibiting a child younger than a certain age from being taken into custody, arrested, charged, or adjudicated delinquent for a delinquent act or violation of law; providing an exception; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 985.031, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

985.031 Age limitation; exception.—

(1) This section may be cited as the "Kaia Rolle Act."

(2) A child younger than 7 years of age may not be taken into custody, arrested, charged, or adjudicated delinquent for a delinquent act or violation of law based on an act occurring before he or she reaches 7 years of age, unless the violation of law is a forcible felony as defined in s. 776.08.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.