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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Fiscal Policy (Avila) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 420 and 421  
insert:

Section 7. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section  
985.26, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

985.26 Length of detention.—

(2)

(b) Upon good cause being shown that the nature of the  
charge requires additional time for the prosecution or defense



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11 of the case or that the totality of the circumstances, including  
12 the preservation of public safety, warrants an extension, the  
13 court may extend the length of secure detention care for up to  
14 an additional 21 days if the child is charged with an offense  
15 which, if committed by an adult, would be a capital felony, a  
16 life felony, a felony of the first degree or the second degree,  
17 ~~or~~ a felony of the third degree involving violence against any  
18 individual, or any other offense involving the possession or use  
19 of a firearm. The court may continue to extend the period of  
20 secure detention care in increments of up to 21 days each by  
21 conducting a hearing before the expiration of the current period  
22 to determine the need for continued secure detention of the  
23 child. At the hearing, the court must make the required findings  
24 in writing to extend the period of secure detention. If the  
25 court extends the time period for secure detention care, it  
26 shall ensure an adjudicatory hearing for the case commences as  
27 soon as is reasonably possible considering the totality of the  
28 circumstances. The court shall prioritize the efficient  
29 disposition of cases in which the child has served 60 or more  
30 days in secure detention care.

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32 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

33 And the title is amended as follows:

34 Delete line 29

35 and insert:

36 specified hearing; amending s. 985.26, F.S.;

37 authorizing a court to extend the length of secure

38 detention when a juvenile is charged with an offense

39 involving the possession or use of a firearm; amending



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s. 921.0022, F.S.; ranking