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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to custodial interrogations of minors;
3 creating s. 900.06, F.S.; defining terms; providing a
4 presumption of inadmissibility for confessions of
5 certain minors which are made as a result of a
6 custodial interrogation at a place of detention if a
7 law enforcement officer engages in deception;
8 specifying circumstances under which the presumption
9 may be overcome; providing that the state attorney has
10 the burden of proving that such confessions were
11 voluntary; requiring that certain objections be made
12 in the trial court; providing an effective date.

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

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16 Section 1. Section 900.06, Florida Statutes, is created to
17 read:

18 900.06 Deceptive tactics during custodial interrogations of
19 minors prohibited; presumption of inadmissibility.-

20 (1) As used in this section, the term:

21 (a) "Custodial interrogation" means questioning or other
22 conduct by a law enforcement officer which is reasonably likely
23 to elicit an incriminating response from an individual and which
24 occurs under circumstances in which a reasonable individual in
25 the same circumstances would consider himself or herself to be
26 in the custody of a law enforcement agency.

27 (b) "Deception" means the knowing communication of false
28 facts about evidence or unauthorized statements regarding
29 leniency by a law enforcement officer to the subject of a

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30 custodial interrogation.

31 (c) "Place of detention" means a police station, sheriff's
32 office, correctional facility, prisoner holding facility, county
33 detention facility, or other governmental facility where a minor
34 may be held in connection with a criminal charge or a petition
35 for delinquency that has been or may be filed against the minor.

36 (2) An oral, written, or sign language confession of an
37 individual who was younger than 18 years of age at the time of
38 the commission of the offense, which confession is made as a
39 result of a custodial interrogation conducted at a place of
40 detention, is presumed to be inadmissible as evidence against
41 the minor making the confession in any criminal proceeding or
42 any juvenile court proceeding if, during the custodial
43 interrogation, a law enforcement officer engages in deception.

44 (3) The presumption of inadmissibility of a confession
45 under subsection (2) may be overcome by a preponderance of the
46 evidence that the confession was voluntarily given, based on the
47 totality of the circumstances.

48 (4) The state attorney has the burden of proving that a
49 confession was voluntary. Any objection to the failure of the
50 state to call all material witnesses on the issue of whether the
51 confession was voluntary must be made in the trial court.

52 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.