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2 An act relating to probation for misdemeanor offenses;
3 amending s. 948.15, F.S.; increasing probationary
4 periods for certain misdemeanor offenses involving
5 controlled or chemical substances; providing an
6 effective date.

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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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10 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 948.15, Florida
11 Statutes, is amended to read:

12 948.15 Misdemeanor probation services.—

13 (1) A defendant found guilty of a misdemeanor who is placed
14 on probation shall be under supervision not to exceed 6 months
15 unless otherwise specified by the court. Probation supervision
16 services for a defendant found guilty of a misdemeanor for
17 possession of a controlled substance or drug paraphernalia under
18 chapter 893 may be provided by a licensed substance abuse
19 education and intervention program, which may provide substance
20 abuse education and intervention as well as any other terms and
21 conditions of probation. In relation to any offense other than a
22 felony in which the use of alcohol; a controlled substance, as
23 defined in s. 893.02; a controlled substance analog, as defined
24 in s. 893.0356; or a chemical substance described in s.
25 877.111(1) is a significant factor, the period of probation may
26 be up to 1 year.

27 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.