

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

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26 | the period of probation may be up to 1 year.

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