THE FLORIDA SENATE 2020 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED

Committee on Criminal Justice

SB 1292 — Public Records/Nonjudicial Arrest Record of a Minor

by Senator Perry

This bill is the public records exemption linked to SB 700. The bill provides that the nonjudicial records of arrest of minors who have successfully completed a diversion program and are eligible for expunction are made confidential and exempt from public disclosure, except that the record must be made available only to criminal justice agencies for specified purposes. SB 700 amends s. 943.0582, F.S., to permit juvenile diversion expunction for any offense. Additionally, SB 700 amends s. 985.126, F.S., to permit a juvenile who completes a diversion program for any offense to lawfully deny or fail to acknowledge his or her participation in the program.

This bill is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act and stands repealed on October 2, 2025, unless reviewed and saved from the repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

Senate Bill 700 was not adopted during the 2020 Regular Session, nor was any similar legislation.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect on the same date that SB 700 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes a law.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 117-0

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