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1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to youthful offenders; amending s. 3 958.045, F.S.; providing for notice to state attorneys 4 prior to placement of juvenile offenders in boot camp 5 programs; revising sentencing provisions for juvenile 6 offenders who violate the terms of their probation; 7 providing an effective date. 8 9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 10 Subsection (2) and paragraph (c) of subsection 11 Section 1. 12 (5) of section 958.045, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 13 958.045 Youthful offender basic training and boot camp 14 programs program. --15 (2)(a) Upon receipt of a youthful offender offenders, the 16 department shall screen the offender offenders for the basic 17 training program or a boot camp program pursuant to s. 985.309, when available. To participate, an offender must have no 18 19 physical limitations that preclude participation in strenuous 20 activity, must not be impaired, and must not have been 21 previously incarcerated in a state or federal correctional facility. In screening an offender offenders for the programs 22 basic training program, the department shall consider the 23 24 offender's criminal history and the possible rehabilitative 25 benefits of "shock" incarceration. For placement in a boot camp 26 program, an offender must meet the criteria in s. 985.309. (b) 27 If an offender meets the specified criteria and space 28 is available, the department shall request, in writing from the

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29 sentencing court, approval for the offender to participate in a 30 the basic training or boot camp program. When If the person is 31 classified by the department as a youthful offender and the 32 department requests is requesting approval from the sentencing court for placement of an offender in a basic training or boot 33 34 camp the program, the department shall, at the same time, notify the state attorney that the offender is being considered for 35 36 placement in the requested basic training program. The notice 37 must explain that the purpose of such placement is diversion 38 from lengthy incarceration when a short "shock" incarceration could produce the same deterrent effect, and that the state 39 attorney may, within 14 days after the mailing of the notice, 40 notify the sentencing court in writing of objections, if any, to 41 42 the placement of the offender in the requested basic training 43 program.

44 (C) The sentencing court shall notify the department in 45 writing of placement approval no later than 21 days after receipt of the department's request for placement of the 46 youthful offender in the requested basic training program. 47 Failure to notify the department within 21 days shall be 48 49 considered an approval by the sentencing court for placing the youthful offender in the requested basic training program. Each 50 state attorney may develop procedures for notifying the victim 51 52 that the offender is being considered for placement in the basic 53 training or boot camp program.

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55 (c) The portion of the sentence served prior to placement 56 in the basic training program may not be counted toward program

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57 completion. Upon the offender's completion of the basic training 58 program, the department shall submit a report to the court that describes the offender's performance. If the offender's 59 60 performance has been satisfactory, the court shall issue an 61 order modifying the sentence imposed and placing the offender on 62 probation. The term of probation may include placement in a 63 community residential program. If the offender violates the 64 conditions of probation, the court may revoke probation and 65 impose any sentence that it might have originally imposed as a 66 condition of probation.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

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