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Representative Clarke-Reed offered the following:

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Amendment (with title amendment)

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Remove lines 30-71 and insert:

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There is established a juvenile civil citation process for the purpose of providing an efficient and innovative alternative to custody by the Department of Juvenile Justice for children who commit nonserious delinquent acts and to ensure swift and appropriate consequences. The department shall encourage and assist in the implementation and improvement of civil citation programs or other similar diversion programs around the state. The civil citation or similar diversion program shall be established at the local level with the concurrence of the chief judge of the circuit, state attorney,

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public defender, and the head of each local law enforcement agency involved. The program may be operated by an entity such as a law enforcement agency, the department, a juvenile assessment center, the county or municipality, or another some other entity selected by the county or municipality. An entity operating the civil citation or similar diversion program must do so in consultation and agreement with the state attorney and local law enforcement agencies. Under such a juvenile civil citation or similar diversion program, a any law enforcement officer, upon making contact with a juvenile who admits having committed a misdemeanor, may choose to issue a simple warning or inform the child's guardian or parent of the child's infraction, or may issue a civil citation or require participation in a similar diversion program, and assess up to not more than 50 community service hours, and require participation in intervention services as indicated by an assessment of the needs of the juvenile, including family counseling, urinalysis monitoring, and substance abuse and mental health treatment services. A copy of each citation issued under this section shall be provided to the department, and the department shall enter appropriate information into the juvenile offender information system. Use of the civil citation or similar diversion program is not limited to first-time misdemeanors and may be used in a second or subsequent misdemeanor. If an arrest is made, a law enforcement officer must provide written

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documentation as to why an arrest was warranted. Only first-time misdemeanor offenders are eligible for the civil citation or similar diversion program. At the conclusion of a juvenile's civil citation program or similar diversion program, the agency operating the

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Remove lines 5-22 and insert:

committed a misdemeanor or to inform the child's parent or

guardian of the child's infraction; allowing a law enforcement

officer who does not exercise one of these options to issue a

civil citation or require participation in a similar diversion

program; requiring a law enforcement officer to provide written

documentation in certain circumstances; providing that repeat

misdemeanor offenders may participate in the civil citation

program or a similar diversion program under certain

circumstances; reenacting ss. 943.051(3)(b) and 985.11(1)(b),

F.S., relating to the issuance of a civil citation, and the

issuance of a civil citation or similar diversion program,

respectively, to incorporate the amendments made to s. 985.12,

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