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Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Justice Appropriations Subcommittee

Representative Trujillo offered the following:

Amendment

Programs program shall be established in each county which must individually or collectively serve all juveniles who are alleged to have committed a violation of law which would be a misdemeanor offense if committed by an adult. Such programs must be established at the local level with the concurrence of the chief judge of the circuit, state attorney, public defender, and the head of each local law enforcement agency involved and. 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 entity selected by the county or municipality. An entity operating such a the civil citation or

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similar diversion program must do so in consultation and agreement with the state attorney and local law enforcement agencies.

- (2) As used in this section, the term:
- (a) "Misdemeanor offense" means one or more misdemeanor violations of law arising out of the same criminal episode, act, or transaction.
- (b) "Law enforcement officer" has the same meaning as provided in s. 943.10.
- (3) Under such a juvenile civil citation or similar diversion program, a law enforcement officer that makes, upon making contact with a juvenile who admits having committed a first-time misdemeanor: misdemeanor, may choose to issue a simple warning or inform the child's guardian or parent of the child's infraction, or may
- (a) Shall issue a civil citation to the juvenile or require the juvenile's participation in a similar diversion program if each violation of law in the misdemeanor offense is one of the following:
- 1. Section 562.111, relating to possession of alcoholic beverages by persons under age 21;
- 2. Section 784.03(1), relating to battery, if the victim approves the juvenile's participation in a civil citation or similar diversion program.
- 3. Section 812.014(2)(e) or s. 812.014(3)(a), relating to theft;

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- 4. Section 812.015(2), relating to retail and farm theft;
 - 5. Section 870.01(1), relating to affrays and riots;
 - 6. Section 877.03, relating to disorderly conduct;
 - 7. Section 893.13(6)(b), relating to possession of certain amounts of cannabis or controlled substances; or
 - 8. Section 893.147, relating to use, possession, manufacture, delivery, transportation, advertisement, or retail sale of drug paraphernalia; or
 - (b) May issue a civil citation to the juvenile or require the juvenile's participation in a similar diversion program if the violations of law in the misdemeanor offense are not enumerated in subparagraph (a).
 - diversion program, a law enforcement officer that makes contact with a juvenile who admits having committed a second-time or third-time misdemeanor offense may issue a civil citation to the juvenile or require the juvenile's participation in a similar diversion program, regardless of whether the violations of law are enumerated in subparagraph (3)(a).
 - (5) If an arrest is made for a misdemeanor offense subject to paragraph (3)(b) or subsection (4), a law enforcement officer must provide written documentation as to why the arrest was warranted.
 - (6) A law enforcement officer shall advise a juvenile who is subject to subsection (3) or subsection (4) that the juvenile has the option to refuse the civil citation or other similar

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diversion program and be referred to the department. This option may be exercised at any time before completion of the community service assignment required under subsection (8). Participation in a civil citation or similar diversion program is not considered a referral to the department.

- (7) Upon issuance of the civil citation or documentation requiring a similar diversion program, the law enforcement officer shall send a copy to the county sheriff, state attorney, the appropriate intake office of the department or the community service performance monitor designated by the department, the parent or guardian of the child, and the victim. The department shall enter such information into the juvenile offender information system.
- (8) A juvenile that elects to participate in a civil citation or similar diversion program shall complete, and assess up to 50 community service hours, and participate require participation in intervention services as indicated indicates by an assessment of the needs of the juvenile, including family counseling, urinalysis monitoring, and substance abuse and mental health treatment services.
- (a) The juvenile shall report to the community service performance monitor within 7 business days after the date of issuance of the civil citation or documentation for a similar diversion program. The juvenile shall spend a minimum of 5 hours per week completing the community service assignment. The monitor shall immediately notify the intake office of the

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department that a juvenile has reported to the monitor and the expected date on which the juvenile will complete the community service assignment 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 up to two subsequent misdemeanors. If an arrest is made, a law enforcement officer must provide written documentation as to why an arrest was warranted.

- (b) At the conclusion of a juvenile's civil citation program or similar diversion program, the entity agency operating the program shall report the outcome of the program to the department.
- (c) If the juvenile fails to timely report for a community service assignment, complete such assignment, or comply with assigned intervention services within the prescribed time, or if the juvenile commits a subsequent misdemeanor, the law enforcement officer shall issue a report alleging the juvenile has committed a delinquent act, at which time a juvenile probation officer shall process the original delinquent act as a referral to the department and refer the report to the state attorney for review The issuance of a civil citation is not considered a referral to the department.
- $\underline{(9)}$ The department shall develop guidelines for the civil citation and similar diversion programs program which

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- (10) This section does not apply to:
- (a) A juvenile who is currently alleged to have committed, or is currently charged with, and awaiting final disposition of an offense that would be a felony if committed by an adult.
- (b) A juvenile who has entered a plea of nolo contendere or guilty to, or has been found to have committed, an offense that would be a felony if committed by an adult.
- (c) A misdemeanor arising out of an episode in which the juvenile is also alleged to have committed an offense that would be a felony if committed by an adult.
 - (11) This section does not modify the authority of a law

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