

By the Committees on Criminal Justice; and Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and Senators Bracy and Torres

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to juvenile justice; creating s.
3 985.031, F.S.; providing a short title; prohibiting a
4 child younger than a certain age from being taken into
5 custody, arrested, charged, or adjudicated delinquent
6 for a delinquent act or violation of law; providing an
7 exception; providing an effective date.

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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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11 Section 1. Section 985.031, Florida Statutes, is created to
12 read:

13 985.031 Age limitation; exception.—

14 (1) This section may be cited as the "Kaia Rolle Act."

15 (2) A child younger than 7 years of age may not be taken
16 into custody, arrested, charged, or adjudicated delinquent for a
17 delinquent act or violation of law based on an act occurring
18 before he or she reaches 7 years of age, unless the violation of
19 law is a forcible felony as defined in s. 776.08.

20 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.