

Senate Bill No. 1178

An act relating to the juvenile justice continuum; creating s. 985.3065, F.S.; authorizing a law enforcement agency or school district to establish a prearrest diversion program in cooperation with the state attorney; providing that a child may be required to surrender his or her driver's license under the program; authorizing the state attorney to notify the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to suspend the driver's license of a child who fails to comply with the requirements of the prearrest diversion program; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 985.3065, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

985.3065 Prearrest diversion programs.—

(1) A law enforcement agency or school district, in cooperation with the state attorney, may establish a prearrest diversion program.

(2) As part of the prearrest diversion program, a child who is alleged to have committed a delinquent act may be required to surrender his or her driver's license, or refrain from applying for a driver's license, for not more than 90 days. If the child fails to comply with the requirements of the program, the state attorney may notify the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles in writing to suspend the child's driver's license for a period that may not exceed 90 days.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999.

Approved by the Governor June 8, 1999.

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