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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to juvenile sentencing; amending ss.
3 921.1401 and 921.1402, F.S.; making provisions
4 relating to life sentences for certain juvenile
5 offenders applicable to offenses committed before July
6 1, 2014; providing an effective date.

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

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10 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 921.1401, Florida
11 Statutes, is amended to read:

12 921.1401 Sentence of life imprisonment for persons who are
13 under the age of 18 years at the time of the offense; sentencing
14 proceedings.—

15 (1) Upon conviction or adjudication of guilt of an offense
16 described in s. 775.082(1)(b), s. 775.082(3)(a)5., s.
17 775.082(3)(b)2., or s. 775.082(3)(c) ~~which was committed on or~~
18 ~~after July 1, 2014~~, the court may conduct a separate sentencing
19 hearing to determine if a term of imprisonment for life or a
20 term of years equal to life imprisonment is an appropriate
21 sentence.

22 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 921.1402, Florida
23 Statutes, is amended to read:

24 921.1402 Review of sentences for persons convicted of
25 specified offenses committed while under the age of 18 years.—

26 (1) For purposes of this section, the term "juvenile

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27 | offender" means a person sentenced to imprisonment in the
28 | custody of the Department of Corrections for an offense
29 | committed ~~on or after July 1, 2014, and committed~~ before he or
30 | she attained 18 years of age.

31 | Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.