



# City of Pensacola

222 West Main Street  
Pensacola, FL 32502

## Memorandum

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**File #:** 18-05

City Council

2/8/2018

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### **LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM**

**SPONSOR:** City Council President Gerald Wingate

**SUBJECT:**

RESOLUTION 18-05 - DIRECT FILE

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That City Council adopt Resolution 18-05.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA STATING THE PREFERENCE AND WILL OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA TO HAVE THE CHILDREN OF THIS COMMUNITY TREATED AS CHILDREN WHEN THEY BREAK FLORIDA LAW

**HEARING REQUIRED:** No Hearing Required

**SUMMARY:**

Currently, the decision to turn a juvenile offender over to the adult criminal justice system lies solely with the Office of the State Attorney, with no judicial or other oversight in a system referred to as Direct File. As a result of this system, Florida incarcerates more children in adult prisons than any other state, with the First Judicial Circuit leading the state in such incarcerations.

This resolution, to be sent to our legislators, is an attempt to show the Legislature the community support for a change in the way juveniles are treated within the criminal justice system and to request that an alternative charging mechanism be established for placing juveniles within the adult system.

**PRIOR ACTION:**

None

**FUNDING:**

N/A

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

None

**STAFF CONTACT:**

Don Kraher, Council Executive

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1) Resolution 18-05 - Direct File

**PRESENTATION:** No