

**260B.1755 ALTERNATIVE TO ARREST OF CERTAIN JUVENILE OFFENDERS AUTHORIZED.**

(a) A peace officer who has probable cause to believe that a child is a petty offender or delinquent child may refer the child to a program, including restorative programs, that the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the child deems appropriate.

(b) If a peace officer or law enforcement agency refers a child to a program under paragraph (a), the peace officer or law enforcement agency may defer issuing a citation or a notice to the child to appear in juvenile court, transmitting a report to the prosecuting authority, or otherwise initiating a proceeding in juvenile court.

(c) After receiving notice that a child who was referred to a program under paragraph (a) successfully completed that program, a peace officer or law enforcement agency shall not issue a citation or a notice to the child to appear in juvenile court, transmit a report to the prosecuting authority, or otherwise initiate a proceeding in juvenile court for the conduct that formed the basis of the referral.

(d) This section does not apply to peace officers acting pursuant to an order or warrant described in section 260B.175, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), or other court order to take a child into custody.

**History:** *1Sp2021 c 11 art 9 s 21*