



**RON DESANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

June 29, 2021

Secretary Laurel Lee  
Secretary of State  
R.A. Gray Building  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Secretary Lee:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Florida, under the provisions of Article III, Section 8 of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby veto and transmit my objection to Senate Bill 274, enacted during the 123<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Legislature of Florida, during Regular Session 2021 and entitled:

**An act relating to Juvenile Diversion Program Expunction**

SB 274 proposes to allow the expunction of a juvenile's non-judicial arrest record following the completion of a diversion program for any offense, including a felony. I have concerns that the unfettered ability to expunge serious felonies, including sexual battery, from a juvenile's record may have negative impacts on public safety.

For this reason, I withhold my approval of SB 274 and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron DeSantis".

Ron DeSantis  
Governor

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TALLAHASSEE, FL

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