

Committee on Criminal Justice

CS/CS/HB 563 — Injunctions for Protection Against Violence

by Judiciary Committee; Criminal Justice Subcommittee; and Rep. Jones and others (CS/SB 438 by Criminal Justice Committee and Senator Hill)

This bill requires (in addition to the notice requirements on law enforcement for serving an injunction for protection) that the Florida Association of Court Clerks and Comptrollers, subject to available funding, develop an automated process by which a petitioner may request notification that a respondent has been served with a protective injunction against domestic violence, repeat violence, dating violence, or sexual violence, as well as other court actions related to the injunction. The association may apply for any available grants to help fund the notification system. Notification must be made within 12 hours after the sheriff or other law enforcement officer has served the protective injunction. The notification must include, at a minimum, the location, date, and time that the protective injunction was served.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2011.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 119-0