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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to pretrial release; amending s. 903.02,
3	F.S.; providing that any judge setting or granting bail
4	shall set a separate bail amount for each charge or
5	offense; amending s. 903.047, F.S.; requiring a defendant
6	to comply with all conditions of pretrial release;
7	amending s. 903.27, F.S.; providing that in cases in which
8	the bond forfeiture has been discharged by the court, the
9	amount of the judgment may not exceed the amount of the
10	unpaid fees or costs upon which the discharge had been
11	conditioned; amending s. 903.31, F.S.; providing that the
12	clerk of court shall furnish an executed certificate of
13	cancellation to the surety; providing that an acquittal or
14	a withholding of adjudication of guilt shall satisfy bond
15	conditions; providing an effective date.
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17	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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19	Section 1. Subsection (4) is added to section 903.02,
20	Florida Statutes, to read:
21	903.02 Actions <u>following</u> with respect to denial; changes
22	<u>in bail</u> or conditions of bail or <u>bond</u> amount; separation by
23	charge or offense of bond prohibited; "court" defined
24	(4) Any judge setting or granting monetary bail shall set
25	a separate and specific bail amount for each charge or offense.
26	When bail is posted, each charge or offense requires a separate
27	bond.

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28	Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 903.047, Florida
29	Statutes, is amended to read:
30	903.047 Conditions of pretrial release
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31	(1) As a condition of pretrial release, whether such
32	release is by surety bail bond or recognizance bond or in some
33	other form, the <u>defendant</u> court shall require that :
34	(a) The defendant Refrain from criminal activity of any
35	kind <u>.; and</u>
36	(b) The defendant Refrain from any contact of any type
37	with the victim, except through pretrial discovery pursuant to
38	the Florida Rules of Criminal Procedure.
39	(c) Comply with all conditions of pretrial release.
40	Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 903.27, Florida
41	Statutes, is amended to read:
42	903.27 Forfeiture to judgment
43	(1) If the forfeiture is not paid or discharged by order
44	of a court of competent jurisdiction within 60 days and the bond
45	is secured other than by money and bonds authorized in s.
46	903.16, the clerk of the circuit court for the county where the
47	order was made shall enter a judgment against the surety for the
48	amount of the penalty and issue execution. <u>However, in any case</u>
49	in which the bond forfeiture has been discharged by the court of
50	competent jurisdiction conditioned upon the payment by the
51	surety of certain costs or fees as allowed by statute, the
52	amount for which judgment may be entered may not exceed the
53	amount of the unpaid fees or costs upon which the discharge had
54	been conditioned. Judgment for the full amount of the forfeiture

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55 shall not be entered if payment of a lesser amount will satisfy 56 the conditions to discharge the forfeiture. Within 10 days, the 57 clerk shall furnish the Department of Financial Services and the Office of Insurance Regulation of the Financial Services 58 Commission with a certified copy of the judgment docket and 59 60 shall furnish the surety company at its home office a copy of the judgment, which shall include the power of attorney number 61 of the bond and the name of the executing agent. If the judgment 62 is not paid within 35 days, the clerk shall furnish the 63 Department of Financial Services, the Office of Insurance 64 Regulation, and the sheriff of the county in which the bond was 65 66 executed, or the official responsible for operation of the 67 county jail, if other than the sheriff, two copies of the 68 judgment and a certificate stating that the judgment remains 69 unsatisfied. When and if the judgment is properly paid or an 70 order to vacate the judgment has been entered by a court of competent jurisdiction, the clerk shall immediately notify the 71 sheriff, or the official responsible for the operation of the 72 73 county jail, if other than the sheriff, and the Department of 74 Financial Services and the Office of Insurance Regulation, if 75 the department and office had been previously notified of nonpayment, of such payment or order to vacate the judgment. The 76 77 clerk shall also immediately prepare and record in the public 78 records a satisfaction of the judgment or record the order to 79 vacate judgment. If the defendant is returned to the county of 80 jurisdiction of the court, whenever a motion to set aside the

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81 judgment is filed, the operation of this section is tolled until 82 the court makes a disposition of the motion.

83 Section 4. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 903.31,
84 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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903.31 Canceling the bond.--

Within 10 business days after the conditions of a bond 86 (1)have been satisfied or the forfeiture discharged or remitted, 87 the court shall order the bond canceled and, if the surety has 88 89 attached a certificate of cancellation to the original bond, the 90 clerk of the court shall furnish an executed certificate of cancellation to the surety without cost. An adjudication of 91 92 guilt or innocence, an acquittal, or a withholding of an 93 adjudication of guilt of the defendant shall satisfy the 94 conditions of the bond. The original appearance bond shall expire 36 months after such bond has been posted for the release 95 96 of the defendant from custody. This subsection does not apply to 97 cases in which a bond has been declared forfeited.

The original appearance bond does shall not be 98 (2)99 construed to guarantee deferred sentences, appearance during or after a presentence investigation, appearance during or after 100 101 appeals, conduct during or appearance after admission to a pretrial intervention program, payment of fines, or attendance 102 103 at educational or rehabilitation facilities the court otherwise provides in the judgment. If the original appearance bond has 104 been forfeited or revoked, the bond shall not be reinstated 105 106 without approval from the surety on the original bond. 107 Section 5. This act shall take effect October 1, 2006.

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