

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate House

Comm: WD 4/10/2008

The Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations (Dean) recommended the following amendment to amendment (357726):

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 646 and 647 insert:

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Section 21. Subsection (3) is added to section 948.03, Florida Statutes, to read:

948.03 Terms and conditions of probation. --

(3) As a condition of an order sentencing a person to probation, community control, or any other court-ordered community supervision, and subject to the ability of the person to pay postjudgment obligations, the court may order the posting of a surety bond to secure the appearance of the person at any subsequent court proceeding. The surety bond must be filed by a bail agent with the sheriff who shall provide a copy to the clerk of the court. Upon written notice by the court or the clerk of



the court, the bail agent shall produce the person to the court. The bail agent shall surrender the person to the sheriff after the bail agent receives a written notice, e-mail, or facsimile notice from the probation officer that the person has violated the terms of probation, community control, or court-ordered community supervision. If the bail agent does not surrender the person to the sheriff after receiving notice from the probation officer or does not produce the person in court at the time noticed by the court or the clerk of court, the bond shall be forfeited in accordance with chapters 648 and 903. Failure to appear shall be the sole grounds for forfeiture of the appearance bond. If not inconsistent with this subsection, chapters 648 and 903 shall govern the relationship between the parties to the bond.

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On line 964, after the first semicolon, insert:

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amending s. 948.03, F.S.; authorizing the court to order the posting of a surety bond to secure the appearance of a person on probation, community control, or any other court-ordered community supervision at any subsequent court proceeding; requiring the bail agent to surrender the person to the sheriff after receiving written notice, e-mail, or facsimile notice from the probation officer that the person has violated the terms of probation, community control, or court-ordered community supervision;

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providing that if the bail agent does not surrender the person to the sheriff after receiving notice from the probation officer or does not produce the person in court at the time noticed by the court or the clerk of court, the surety bond is forfeited;