LEGISLATIVE ACTION Senate House Comm: RCS 02/16/2022

Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice (Perry) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

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Between lines 45 and 46 insert:

Section 2. Paragraphs (a) and (d) of subsection (1) of section 948.03, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

948.03 Terms and conditions of probation.-

(1) The court shall determine the terms and conditions of probation. Conditions specified in this section do not require oral pronouncement at the time of sentencing and may be

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considered standard conditions of probation. These conditions may include among them the following, that the probationer or offender in community control shall:

- (a) Report to the probation officer as directed. Such reporting requirements may be fulfilled through remote reporting if approved by the relevant probation officer, the relevant county probation authority or entity, or the Department of Corrections and if the court has not excluded the possibility of remote reporting by the defendant in his or her order of probation. The probation officer shall schedule meetings required as a condition of probation at times and locations that take into consideration and accommodate the work schedule, family caregiver obligations, and medical care of the probationer unless doing so would cause a threat to public safety. The Department of Corrections and county probation authorities or entities shall adopt and make available probation reporting policies that allow for remote reporting and consider the scheduling conflicts referenced in this paragraph.
 - (d) Remain within a specified place.

Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 948.05, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

948.05 Court to admonish or commend probationer or offender in community control; graduated incentives.-

- (2) The department shall implement a system of graduated incentives to promote compliance with the terms of supervision, encourage stable employment, and prioritize the highest levels of supervision for probationers or offenders presenting the greatest risk of recidivism.
 - (a) As part of the graduated incentives system, the

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department may, without leave of court, offer the following incentives to a compliant probationer or offender in community control:

- 1. Up to 25 percent reduction of required community service hours:
 - 2. Waiver of supervision fees;
 - 3. Reduction in frequency of reporting;
 - 4. Permission to report by mail or telephone; or
- 5. Transfer of an eligible offender to administrative probation as authorized under s. 948.013.
- (b) The department may also incentivize positive behavior and compliance with recommendations to the court to modify the terms of supervision, including recommending:
 - 1. Permission to travel;
 - 2. Reduction of supervision type;
 - 3. Modification or cessation of curfew;
 - 4. Reduction or cessation of substance abuse testing; or
 - 5. Early termination of supervision.
- (c) The department shall, without leave of court, incentivize educational achievement by awarding a compliant probationer or offender in community control with a 60-day reduction of his or her term of supervision for each educational advancement activity he or she completes during the term of supervision. As used in this paragraph, the term "educational advancement activity" means a high school equivalency degree, an academic degree, or a vocational certificate.
- (d) A probationer or offender who commits a subsequent violation of probation may forfeit any previously earned probation incentive, as determined appropriate by his or her



probation officer.

Section 4. Subsection (6) of section 948.09, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

948.09 Payment for cost of supervision and other monetary obligations.-

(6) The department shall establish a payment plan for all costs ordered by the courts for collection by the department and a priority order for payments, except that victim restitution payments authorized under s. 948.03(1) (e) s. 948.03(1) (f) take precedence over all other court-ordered payments. The department is not required to disburse cumulative amounts of less than \$10 to individual payees established on this payment plan.

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======= T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ========= And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line 8

and insert:

certain misdemeanor offenders; amending s. 948.03, F.S.; authorizing a probationer or offender in community control to report to a probation officer through remote reporting under specified circumstances; requiring a probation officer to take specified circumstances into consideration when scheduling meetings; requiring the Department of Corrections and county probation authorities or entities to adopt and make available certain probation reporting policies; deleting remaining within a specified place as a standard condition of probation; amending s. 948.05, F.S.; requiring the Department of



Corrections to reduce a probationer's or offender's	
supervision term by a specified amount of time for	
completing an educational advancement activity;	
defining the term "educational advancement activity"	;
amending s. 948.09, F.S.; conforming a cross-	
reference; amending s. 948.15,	