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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to The Florida Sexual Predators Act; amending s. 775.21, F.S.; providing an additional requirement with respect to the duty of law enforcement agencies to inform the community and the public of the presence of a sexual predator; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of section 775.21, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

775.21 The Florida Sexual Predators Act; definitions; legislative findings, purpose, and intent; criteria; designation; registration; community and public notification; immunity; penalties.--

(7) COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC NOTIFICATION.--

(a) Law enforcement agencies must inform the community and the public of a sexual predator's presence. Upon notification of the presence of a sexual predator, the sheriff of the county or the chief of police of the municipality where the sexual predator temporarily or permanently resides shall notify the community and the public of the presence of the sexual predator in a manner deemed appropriate by the sheriff or the chief of police. Within 48 hours after receiving notification of the presence of a sexual predator, the sheriff of the county or the chief of police of the municipality where the sexual predator temporarily or permanently resides shall notify each public and private day care center, elementary school, middle school, and high school within the proximity of the temporary or permanent residence of the sexual predator of

1 the presence of the sexual predator. Information provided to
2 the community and the public regarding a sexual predator must
3 include:

- 4 1. The name of the sexual predator;
- 5 2. A description of the sexual predator, including a
6 photograph;
- 7 3. The sexual predator's current address, including
8 the name of the county or municipality if known;
- 9 4. The circumstances of the sexual predator's offense
10 or offenses; and
- 11 5. Whether the victim of the sexual predator's offense
12 or offenses was, at the time of the offense, a minor or an
13 adult.

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15 This paragraph does not authorize the release of the name of
16 any victim of the sexual predator.

17 (c) The department shall notify the public of all
18 designated sexual predators through the Internet. The
19 Internet notice shall include the information required by
20 paragraph (a).

21 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998.

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24 HOUSE SUMMARY

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26 Revises provisions of The Florida Sexual Predators Act
27 relating to required community and public notification by
28 law enforcement agencies of the presence of a sexual
29 predator, to require the sheriff of the county or the
30 police chief of the municipality in which a sexual
31 predator establishes temporary or permanent residence to
notify each public and private day care center,
elementary school, middle school, and high school within
the proximity of the temporary or permanent residence of
the sexual predator of the presence of the sexual
predator within 48 hours of notification of the law
enforcement agencies.