

By Representative Ritter

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to notification of an escaped  
3           prisoner; amending s. 960.001, F.S.; requiring  
4           that a state correctional facility, county  
5           jail, juvenile detention facility, or  
6           residential commitment facility immediately  
7           notify the sentencing judge of an escaped  
8           offender; providing an effective date.

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

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12           Section 1. Paragraph (p) of subsection (1) of section  
13   960.001, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

14           960.001 Guidelines for fair treatment of victims and  
15   witnesses in the criminal justice and juvenile justice  
16   systems.--

17           (1) The Department of Legal Affairs, the state  
18   attorneys, the Department of Corrections, the Department of  
19   Juvenile Justice, the Parole Commission, the State Courts  
20   Administrator and circuit court administrators, the Department  
21   of Law Enforcement, and every sheriff's department, police  
22   department, or other law enforcement agency as defined in s.  
23   943.10(4) shall develop and implement guidelines for the use  
24   of their respective agencies, which guidelines are consistent  
25   with the purposes of this act and s. 16(b), Art. I of the  
26   State Constitution and are designed to implement the  
27   provisions of s. 16(b), Art. I of the State Constitution and  
28   to achieve the following objectives:

29           (p) Information concerning escape from a state  
30   correctional institution, county jail, juvenile detention  
31   facility, or residential commitment facility.--In any case

1 where an offender escapes from a state correctional  
2 institution, county jail, juvenile detention facility, or  
3 residential commitment facility, ~~immediate notification shall~~  
4 ~~be made by~~ the institution of confinement shall immediately  
5 notify to the state attorney of the jurisdiction where the  
6 criminal charge or petition for delinquency arose and the  
7 judge who imposed the sentence of incarceration. The state  
8 attorney shall thereupon make every effort to notify the  
9 victim, material witness, parents or legal guardian of a minor  
10 who is a victim or witness, or immediate relatives of a  
11 homicide victim of the escapee. The state attorney shall also  
12 notify the sheriff of the county where the criminal charge or  
13 petition for delinquency arose. The sheriff shall offer  
14 assistance upon request.

15 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
16 law.

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19 SENATE SUMMARY

20 Provides that if an offender escapes from a state  
21 correctional facility, county jail, juvenile detention  
22 facility, or residential commitment facility, any such  
23 institution that held the offender must immediately  
24 notify the judge who sentenced the offender to  
25 incarceration.  
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