

By the Committee on Corrections and Representatives Ritter
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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to notification of an escaped
3 offender; amending s. 960.001, F.S.; clarifying
4 applicability of notification requirements to
5 private correctional facilities; requiring that
6 the state attorney notify the sentencing judge
7 of an escaped offender; requiring the
8 institution of confinement to notify the state
9 attorney when the escaped offender is
10 subsequently captured and when the escaped
11 offender is returned to the institution of
12 confinement; providing an effective date.

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

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16 Section 1. Paragraph (p) of subsection (1) of section
17 960.001, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

18 960.001 Guidelines for fair treatment of victims and
19 witnesses in the criminal justice and juvenile justice
20 systems.--

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

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1 provisions of s. 16(b), Art. I of the State Constitution and
2 to achieve the following objectives:
3 (p) Information concerning escape from a state
4 correctional institution, private correctional facility,
5 county jail, juvenile detention facility, or residential
6 commitment facility.--In any case where an offender escapes
7 from a state correctional institution, private correctional
8 facility, county jail, juvenile detention facility, or
9 residential commitment facility, ~~immediate notification shall~~
10 ~~be made by~~ the institution of confinement shall immediately
11 notify to the state attorney of the jurisdiction where the
12 criminal charge or petition for delinquency arose. The state
13 attorney shall thereupon make every effort to notify the
14 victim, material witness, parents or legal guardian of a minor
15 who is a victim or witness, or immediate relatives of a
16 homicide victim of the escapee. The state attorney shall also
17 notify the judge who imposed the sentence of incarceration and
18 the sheriff of the county where the criminal charge or
19 petition for delinquency arose. Both when an escaped offender is
20 subsequently captured and when the escaped offender is
21 returned to the institution of confinement, the institution of
22 confinement shall again immediately notify the appropriate
23 state attorney pursuant to this section.

25 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
26 law.

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