

By Representative Hill

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

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

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11           Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of section  
12   775.21, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

13           775.21 The Florida Sexual Predators Act; definitions;  
14   legislative findings, purpose, and intent; criteria;  
15   designation; registration; community and public notification;  
16   immunity; penalties.--

17           (7) COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC NOTIFICATION.--

18           (a) Law enforcement agencies must inform the community  
19   and the public of a sexual predator's presence. Upon  
20   notification of the presence of a sexual predator, the sheriff  
21   of the county or the chief of police of the municipality where  
22   the sexual predator temporarily or permanently resides shall  
23   notify the community and the public of the presence of the  
24   sexual predator in a manner deemed appropriate by the sheriff  
25   or the chief of police. Within 48 hours after receiving  
26   notification of the presence of a sexual predator, the sheriff  
27   of the county or the chief of police of the municipality where  
28   the sexual predator temporarily or permanently resides shall  
29   notify each public and private day care center, elementary  
30   school, middle school, and high school within the proximity of  
31   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.