

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 licensed day care center, elementary school,
30 middle school, and high school within a 1-mile radius of the
31 temporary or permanent residence of the sexual predator of the

1 presence of the sexual predator. Information provided to the
2 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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