

By Representative Albright

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to sexual offenders; amending  
3           s. 944.606, F.S.; deleting language preventing  
4           the Florida Department of Law Enforcement or  
5           any law enforcement agency from notifying the  
6           community and the general public of a sexual  
7           offender's presence in the community; providing  
8           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. Subsection (4) of section 944.606, Florida  
13   Statutes, as amended by Chapter 96-388, Laws of Florida, is  
14   amended to read:

15           944.606 Sex offender; notification upon release.--

16           (4) ~~This section does not authorize the department or~~  
17   ~~any law enforcement agency to notify the community and the~~  
18   ~~public of a sexual offender's presence in the community.~~

19   However, With respect to a sexual offender who has been found  
20   to be a "sexual predator" under chapter 775, the Florida  
21   Department of Law Enforcement or any other law enforcement  
22   agency must inform the community and the public of the sexual  
23   predator's presence in the community, as provided in chapter  
24   775.

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

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HOUSE SUMMARY

Deletes language preventing the Florida Department of Law Enforcement or any law enforcement agency from notifying the community and the public of a sexual offender's presence in the community.