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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to guidelines for fair
treatment of victims and witnesses in the
justice system; allowing specified state
agencies to participate in crime-prevention and
educational activities; providing an effective
date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (r) is added to subsection (1) of
section 960.001, Florida Statutes, to read:

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

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

(r) Implementing crime-prevention efforts to enhance
the protection of individual personal safety and property as
prescribed by s. 187.201(7)(b)9., State Comprehensive
Plan.--By preventing future crimes that either produce new

1 victims or further harm former victims, crime-prevention
2 efforts are an essential part of providing victims and
3 witnesses with effective service; therefore, the agencies
4 identified in this subsection may participate in
5 crime-prevention and educational activities.

6 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998.

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9 SENATE SUMMARY

10 Allows specified state agencies to participate in
11 crime-prevention and educational activities, as part of
12 their efforts to prevent crime and provide effective
13 service to victims and witnesses.
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