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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to notification of an escaped
prisoner; amending s. 960.001, F.S.; requiring
that a state correctional facility, county
jail, juvenile detention facility, or
residential commitment facility immediately
notify the sentencing judge of an escaped
offender; providing an effective date.

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

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

(p) Information concerning escape from a state
correctional institution, county jail, juvenile detention
facility, or residential commitment facility.--In any case

1 where an offender escapes from a state correctional
2 institution, county jail, juvenile detention facility, or
3 residential commitment facility, ~~immediate notification shall~~
4 ~~be made by~~ the institution of confinement shall immediately
5 notify to the state attorney of the jurisdiction where the
6 criminal charge or petition for delinquency arose and the
7 judge who imposed the sentence of incarceration. The state
8 attorney shall thereupon make every effort to notify the
9 victim, material witness, parents or legal guardian of a minor
10 who is a victim or witness, or immediate relatives of a
11 homicide victim of the escapee. The state attorney shall also
12 notify the sheriff of the county where the criminal charge or
13 petition for delinquency arose. The sheriff shall offer
14 assistance upon request.

15 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
16 law.

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19 SENATE SUMMARY

20 Provides that if an offender escapes from a state
21 correctional facility, county jail, juvenile detention
22 facility, or residential commitment facility, any such
23 institution that held the offender must immediately
24 notify the judge who sentenced the offender to
25 incarceration.
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