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2 An act relating to notification of an escaped
3 prisoner; amending s. 960.001, F.S.; requiring
4 that a state correctional facility, private
5 correctional facility, county jail, juvenile
6 detention facility, or residential commitment
7 facility immediately notify the judge who
8 sentenced an escaped offender; requiring the
9 institution or facility of confinement to
10 immediately notify the state attorney and
11 sentencing judge upon the capture and return of
12 the escaped offender; providing an effective
13 date.

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

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17 Section 1. Paragraph (p) of subsection (1) of section
18 960.001, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

19 960.001 Guidelines for fair treatment of victims and
20 witnesses in the criminal justice and juvenile justice
21 systems.--

22 (1) The Department of Legal Affairs, the state
23 attorneys, the Department of Corrections, the Department of
24 Juvenile Justice, the Parole Commission, the State Courts
25 Administrator and circuit court administrators, the Department
26 of Law Enforcement, and every sheriff's department, police
27 department, or other law enforcement agency as defined in s.
28 943.10(4) shall develop and implement guidelines for the use
29 of their respective agencies, which guidelines are consistent
30 with the purposes of this act and s. 16(b), Art. I of the
31 State Constitution and are designed to implement the

1 provisions of s. 16(b), Art. I of the State Constitution and
2 to achieve the following objectives:

3 (p) Information concerning escape from a state
4 correctional institution, county jail, juvenile detention
5 facility, or residential commitment facility.--In any case
6 where an offender escapes from a state correctional
7 institution, private correctional facility, county jail,
8 juvenile detention facility, or residential commitment
9 facility, ~~immediate notification shall be made by~~ the
10 institution of confinement shall immediately notify to the
11 state attorney of the jurisdiction where the criminal charge
12 or petition for delinquency arose and the judge who imposed
13 the sentence of incarceration. The state attorney shall
14 thereupon make every effort to notify the victim, material
15 witness, parents or legal guardian of a minor who is a victim
16 or witness, or immediate relatives of a homicide victim of the
17 escapee. The state attorney shall also notify the sheriff of
18 the county where the criminal charge or petition for
19 delinquency arose. The sheriff shall offer assistance upon
20 request. When an escaped offender is subsequently captured or
21 is captured and returned to the institution of confinement,
22 the institution of confinement shall again immediately notify
23 the appropriate state attorney and sentencing judge pursuant
24 to this section.

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

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