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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to criminal justice
information; amending s. 943.053, F.S.;
providing each office of the Public Defender
on-line access to criminal records which are
not exempt from disclosure and not confidential
under law; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Present subsections (6), (7), and (8) of
section 943.053, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, are
renumbered as subsections (7), (8), and (9), respectively, and
a new subsection (6) is added to that section, to read:

943.053 Dissemination of criminal justice information;
fees.--

(6) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
department shall provide to each office of the Public Defender
on-line access to criminal records of this state which are not
exempt from disclosure under chapter 119 or confidential under
law. Such access shall be used solely in support of the duties
of a public defender as provided in s. 27.51 or of any
attorney specially assigned as authorized in s. 27.53 in the
representation of any person who is determined indigent as
provided in s. 27.52. The costs of establishing and
maintaining such on-line access shall be borne by the office
to which the access has been provided.

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 1999.

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

Requires the Department of Law Enforcement to provide to public defenders on-line access to criminal records not exempt from disclosure or confidential under law, such access to be used only in support of the duties of a public defender or of any attorney specially assigned in the representation of any person who is determined indigent. Requires the costs of such access to be borne by the office provided access. See bill for details.