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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the release of certain
3 offenders; amending s. 944.605, F.S.; requiring
4 that, prior to the release of an offender
5 imprisoned for specified offenses, the
6 offender's fingerprint class, rather than the
7 offender's fingerprints, be released to the
8 sheriff of the county where the offender plans
9 to reside or to the chief of police of the
10 municipality where the offender plans to
11 reside; amending s. 944.606, F.S.; requiring
12 that, prior to the release of a sexual
13 offender, the sexual offender's fingerprint
14 class, rather than the sexual offender's
15 fingerprints, be released to the sheriff where
16 the offender was sentenced, the sheriff or
17 chief of police where the offender plans to
18 reside, the Department of Law Enforcement, and
19 any person who requests the information;
20 providing an effective date.

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22 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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24 Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 944.605, Florida
25 Statutes, is amended to read:

26 944.605 Inmate release; notice by Department of
27 Corrections, Control Release Authority, or Parole
28 Commission.--

29 (3) If an inmate is to be released after having served
30 one or more sentences for a conviction of robbery, sexual
31 battery, home-invasion robbery, or carjacking, or an inmate to

1 be released has a prior conviction for robbery, sexual
2 battery, home-invasion robbery, or carjacking or similar
3 offense, in this state or in another jurisdiction, and if such
4 prior conviction information is contained in department
5 records, the appropriate releasing agency shall release to the
6 sheriff of the county in which the inmate plans to reside,
7 and, if the inmate plans to reside within a municipality, to
8 the chief of police of that municipality, the following
9 information, which must include, but need not be limited to:

- 10 (a) Name;
11 (b) Social security number;
12 (c) Date of birth;
13 (d) Race;
14 (e) Sex;
15 (f) Height;
16 (g) Weight;
17 (h) Hair and eye color;
18 (i) Tattoos or other identifying marks;
19 (j) Fingerprint class ~~Fingerprints~~; and
20 (k) A digitized photograph as provided in subsection
21 (2).

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23 The department, the Parole Commission, or the Control Release
24 Authority shall release the information specified in this
25 subsection within 6 months prior to the discharge of the
26 inmate from the custody of the department.

27 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section
28 944.606, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

29 944.606 Sexual offenders; notification upon release.--
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1 (3)(a) The department must provide information
2 regarding any sexual offender who is being released after
3 serving a period of incarceration for any offense, as follows:

4 1. The department must provide: the sexual offender's
5 name and any alias, if known; the correctional facility from
6 which the sexual offender is released; the sexual offender's
7 social security number, race, sex, date of birth, height,
8 weight, and hair and eye color; date and county of sentence
9 and each crime for which the offender was sentenced;
10 identification ~~a copy~~ of the offender's fingerprint class
11 ~~fingerprints~~ and a digitized photograph taken within 60 days
12 before release; the date of release of the sexual offender;
13 and the offender's intended residence address, if known. If
14 the sexual offender is in the custody of a private
15 correctional facility, the facility shall take the digitized
16 photograph of the sexual offender within 60 days before the
17 sexual offender's release and provide this photograph to the
18 Department of Corrections and also place it in the sexual
19 offender's file. If the sexual offender is in the custody of a
20 local jail, the custodian of the local jail shall notify the
21 Department of Law Enforcement of the sexual offender's release
22 and provide to the Department of Law Enforcement the
23 information specified in this paragraph and any information
24 specified in subparagraph 2. that the Department of Law
25 Enforcement requests.

26 2. The department may provide any other information
27 deemed necessary, including criminal and corrections records,
28 nonprivileged personnel and treatment records, when available.

29 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Provides that within 6 months before a sexual offender or an offender sentenced for certain specified crimes is released from imprisonment, the offender's fingerprint class, rather than the offender's fingerprints, be released to the sheriff, the chief of police, the Department of Law Enforcement, and any person requesting the information. (See bill for details.)