By Senator Cowin

11-1464-00 See HB 677

A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to sentencing; providing a short title; creating the "Sexual Predator 3 4 Prosecution Act of 2000"; amending s. 921.16, 5 F.S.; requiring an offender serving a sentence 6 for sexual battery or murder who is found 7 guilty of a separate offense of sexual battery 8 or murder to serve a consecutive sentence for 9 each separate offense; providing an effective date. 10

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

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Section 1. Short title.--This act may be cited as the "Sexual Predator Prosecution Act of 2000."

Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 921.16, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 921.16 When sentences to be concurrent and when consecutive.--
- (1) A defendant convicted of two or more offenses charged in the same indictment, information, or affidavit or in consolidated indictments, informations, or affidavits shall serve the sentences of imprisonment concurrently unless the court directs that two or more of the sentences be served consecutively. Sentences of imprisonment for offenses not charged in the same indictment, information, or affidavit shall be served consecutively unless the court directs that two or more of the sentences be served concurrently. An offender serving a sentence for sexual battery as defined in chapter 794 or murder as defined in s. 782.04 who is found

guilty of a separate offense of sexual battery or murder shall serve a consecutive sentence for each separate offense. Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2000. HOUSE SUMMARY Creates the "Sexual Predator Prosecution Act of 2000." Requires an offender serving a sentence for sexual battery or murder who is found guilty of a separate offense of sexual battery or murder to serve a consecutive sentence for each separate offense.