## Florida Senate - 2001

By Senator Saunders

25-180-01 A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to domestic violence; amending ss. 25.385, 39.902, 741.28, 943.171, F.S.; 3 4 redefining the terms "domestic violence" and 5 "family or household member"; amending s. 6 28.101, F.S.; increasing the fee charged by the 7 clerk of the circuit court in dissolution of marriage cases; providing that the fee be 8 9 deposited in the Domestic Violence Trust Fund; 10 amending s. 61.1825, F.S.; providing for additional circumstances when a family violence 11 12 indicator must be placed on a record; amending s. 741.281, F.S.; deleting requirement that a 13 court order certain defendants to attend a 14 batterers' intervention program; amending s. 15 741.30, F.S.; specifying when a person has 16 17 standing to file a petition for an injunction against domestic violence; providing for 18 19 incidents that describe violence or threats of 20 violence; providing legislative intent that ex 21 parte temporary injunctions protect a victim as 22 long as he or she is in danger; requesting the Supreme Court to adopt rules to require 23 extensions of temporary injunctions; specifying 24 25 when a court may grant relief; providing factors for the court to consider in 26 27 determining imminent danger; requiring the 28 Batterers' Intervention Program to provide notification of discharge; providing that 29 30 respondents must complete the Batterers' 31 Intervention Program if ordered; providing for

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1	the court not to modify or dissolve an
2	injunction unless failure to complete the
3	Batterers' Intervention Program is justified;
4	providing for recording of proceedings;
5	directing the Office of State Court
6	Administrator to examine and develop
7	recommendations concerning certain court
8	practices; providing for a report to the
9	Governor and Legislature; providing an
10	effective date.
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12	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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14	Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 25.385, Florida
15	Statutes, is amended to read:
16	25.385 Standards for instruction of circuit and county
17	court judges in handling domestic violence cases
18	(2) As used in this section:
19	(a) The term "domestic violence" means any assault,
20	battery, sexual assault, sexual battery, or any criminal
21	offense resulting in physical injury or death of one family or
22	household member by another <del>, who is or was residing in the</del>
23	same single dwelling unit. With the exception of persons who
24	have a child in common, the family or household members must
25	be currently residing or have in the past resided together in
26	the same single dwelling unit.
27	(b) "Family or household member" means spouse, former
28	spouse, persons related by blood or marriage, persons who are
29	presently residing together, as if a family, or who have
30	resided together in the past, as if a family, and persons who
31	have a child in common regardless of whether they have been
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1 married or have resided together at any time. With the exception of persons who have a child in common, the family or 2 3 household members must be currently residing or have in the past resided together in the same single dwelling unit. 4 5 Section 2. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 39.902, 6 Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 7 39.902 Definitions.--As used in this part, the term: 8 "Domestic violence" means any assault, battery, (1)sexual assault, sexual battery, or any criminal offense 9 10 resulting in physical injury or death of one family or 11 household member by another who is or was residing in the same single dwelling unit. With the exception of persons who have a 12 child in common, the family or household members must be 13 14 currently residing or have in the past resided together in the 15 same single dwelling unit. "Family or household member" means spouses, former 16 (3) 17 spouses, adults related by blood or marriage, persons who are 18 presently residing together as if a family or who have resided 19 together in the past as if a family, and persons who have a 20 child in common regardless of whether they have been married 21 or have resided together at any time. With the exception of persons who have a child in common, the family or household 22 members must be currently residing or have in the past resided 23 24 together in the same single dwelling unit. 25 Section 3. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 741.28, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 26 27 741.28 Domestic violence; definitions.--As used in ss. 741.28-741.31: 28 29 (1) "Domestic violence" means any assault, appravated 30 assault, battery, aggravated battery, sexual assault, sexual 31 battery, stalking, aggravated stalking, kidnapping, false 3

1 imprisonment, or any criminal offense resulting in physical 2 injury or death of one family or household member by another 3 who is or was residing in the same single dwelling unit. With 4 the exception of persons who have a child in common, the 5 family or household members must be currently residing or have б in the past resided together in the same single dwelling unit. 7 "Family or household member" means spouses, former (2) 8 spouses, persons related by blood or marriage, persons who are 9 presently residing together as if a family or who have resided 10 together in the past as if a family, and persons who have a 11 child in common regardless of whether they have been married or have resided together at any time. With the exception of 12 persons who have a child in common, the family or household 13 14 members must be currently residing or have in the past resided 15 together in the same single dwelling unit. Section 4. Subsection (2) of section 943.171, Florida 16 17 Statutes, is amended to read: 18 943.171 Basic skills training in handling domestic 19 violence cases.--(2) As used in this section, the term: 20 "Domestic violence" means any assault, battery, 21 (a) sexual assault, sexual battery, or any criminal offense 22 resulting in the physical injury or death of one family or 23 24 household member by another who is or was residing in the same 25 single dwelling unit. With the exception of persons who have a child in common, the family or household members must be 26 27 currently residing or have in the past resided together in the 28 same single dwelling unit. 29 "Household member" means spouse, former spouse, (b) 30 persons related by blood or marriage, persons who are 31 presently residing together, as if a family, or who have 4

resided together in the past, as if a family, and persons who 1 2 have a child in common regardless of whether they have been 3 married or have resided together at any time. With the 4 exception of persons who have a child in common, the family or 5 household members must be currently residing or have in the б past resided together in the same single dwelling unit. 7 Section 5. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section 8 28.101, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 28.101 Petitions and records of dissolution of 9 10 marriage; additional charges .--11 (1) When a party petitions for a dissolution of marriage, in addition to the filing charges in s. 28.241, the 12 clerk shall collect and receive: 13 (c) A charge of \$36 \$18. On a monthly basis, the 14 clerk shall transfer the moneys collected pursuant to this 15 paragraph to the State Treasury for deposit in the Domestic 16 Violence Trust Fund. Such funds which are generated shall be 17 directed to the Department of Children and Family Services for 18 19 the specific purpose of funding domestic violence centers. Section 6. Subsection (3) of section 61.1825, Florida 20 21 Statutes, is amended to read: 22 61.1825 State Case Registry.--(3)(a) For the purpose of this section, a family 23 24 violence indicator must be placed on a record when: 25 1. A party executes a sworn statement requesting that a family violence indicator be placed on that party's record 26 27 which states that the party has reason to believe that release 28 of information to the Federal Case Registry may result in 29 physical or emotional harm to the party or the child;-2. A temporary or final injunction for protection 30 31 against domestic violence has been granted pursuant to s. 5

1 741.30(6), an injunction for protection against domestic violence has been issued by a court of a foreign state 2 3 pursuant to s. 741.315, or a temporary or final injunction for 4 protection against repeat violence has been granted pursuant 5 to s. 784.046; or 6 The department has received information on a Title 3. 7 IV-D case from the Domestic and Repeat Violence Injunction 8 Statewide Verification System, established pursuant to s. 784.046(8)(b), that a court has granted a party a 9 10 domestic-violence or repeat-violence injunction. 11 (b) Before the family violence indicator can be removed from a record, the protected person must be afforded 12 13 notice and an opportunity to appear before the court on the issue of whether the disclosure will result in harm. 14 Section 7. Section 741.281, Florida Statutes, is 15 amended to read: 16 17 741.281 Court to order batterers' intervention program attendance.--If a person is found guilty of, has had 18 19 adjudication withheld on, or has pled nolo contendere to a crime of domestic violence, as defined in s. 741.28, that 20 person shall be ordered by the court to a minimum term of 1 21 year's probation and the court shall order that the defendant 22 attend a batterers' intervention program as a condition of 23 24 probation. If a person is admitted to a pretrial diversion 25 program and has been charged with an act of domestic violence, as defined in s. 741.28, the court shall order as a condition 26 of the program that the defendant attend a batterers' 27 28 intervention program. The court must impose the condition of 29 the batterers' intervention program for a defendant placed on probation or pretrial diversion under this section, but the 30 31 court, in its discretion, may determine not to impose the

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1 condition if it states on the record why a batterers' 2 intervention program might be inappropriate. It is preferred, 3 but not mandatory, that such programs be certified under s. 741.32. The imposition of probation under this section shall 4 5 not preclude the court from imposing any sentence of б imprisonment authorized by s. 775.082. 7 Section 8. Subsections (1), (3), (5), and (6) of 8 section 741.30, Florida Statutes, are amended and subsection (10) is added to that section to read: 9 10 741.30 Domestic violence; injunction; powers and 11 duties of court and clerk; petition; notice and hearing; temporary injunction; issuance of injunction; statewide 12 verification system; enforcement.--13 (1) There is created a cause of action for an 14 injunction for protection against domestic violence. 15 (a) Any person described in paragraph (e), who is 16 17 either the victim of any act of domestic violence as defined 18 in s. 741.28, or has reasonable cause to believe he or she is 19 in imminent danger of becoming the victim of any act of 20 domestic violence, has standing in the circuit court to file a 21 sworn petition for an injunction for protection against domestic violence. 22 23 (b) This cause of action for an injunction may be 24 sought whether or not any other cause of action is currently 25 pending between the parties. However, the pendency of any such cause of action shall be alleged in the petition. 26 27 (c) In the event a subsequent cause of action is filed 28 under chapter 61, any orders entered therein shall take 29 precedence over any inconsistent provisions of an injunction 30 issued under this section which addresses matters governed by 31 chapter 61.

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1 (d) A person's right to petition for an injunction 2 shall not be affected by such person having left a residence 3 or household to avoid domestic violence. (e) This cause of action for an injunction may be 4 5 sought by family or household members. No person shall be б precluded from seeking injunctive relief pursuant to this 7 chapter solely on the basis that such person is not a spouse. (f) This cause of action for an injunction shall not 8 9 require that either party be represented by an attorney. 10 (g) Any person, including an officer of the court, who 11 offers evidence or recommendations relating to the cause of action must either present the evidence or recommendations in 12 13 writing to the court with copies to each party and their attorney, or must present the evidence under oath at a hearing 14 15 at which all parties are present. (h) Nothing in this section shall affect the title to 16 17 any real estate. (i) The court is prohibited from issuing mutual orders 18 19 of protection. This does not preclude the court from issuing 20 separate injunctions for protection against domestic violence where each party has complied with the provisions of this 21 section. Compliance with the provisions of this section cannot 22 23 be waived. 24 (3)(a) The sworn petition shall allege the existence of such domestic violence and shall include the specific facts 25 and circumstances upon the basis of which relief is sought. 26 27 (b) The sworn petition shall be in substantially the 28 following form: 29 30 PETITION FOR 31 INJUNCTION FOR PROTECTION 8

1 AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 2 3 Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared 4 Petitioner ... (Name)..., who has been sworn and says that the 5 following statements are true: б (a) Petitioner resides at: ...(address)... 7 (Petitioner may furnish address to the court in a 8 separate confidential filing if, for safety reasons, the 9 petitioner requires the location of the current residence to 10 be confidential.) 11 (b) Respondent resides at: ...(last known address)... (c) Respondent's last known place of employment: 12 13 ... (name of business and address)... (d) Physical description of respondent: .... 14 15 Race.... 16 Sex.... 17 Date of birth.... Height.... 18 19 Weight.... 20 Eye color.... Hair color.... 21 Distinguishing marks or scars.... 22 (e) Aliases of respondent: .... 23 24 (f) Respondent is the spouse or former spouse of the petitioner or is any other person related by blood or marriage 25 to the petitioner or is any other person who is or was 26 residing within a single dwelling unit with the petitioner, as 27 28 if a family, or is a person with whom the petitioner has a 29 child in common, regardless of whether the petitioner and respondent are or were married or residing together, as if a 30 31 family.

1 (g) The following describes any other cause of action 2 currently pending between the petitioner and respondent: ..... 3 The petitioner should also describe any previous or 4 5 pending attempts by the petitioner to obtain an injunction for б protection against domestic violence in this or any other 7 circuit, and the results of that attempt..... 8 Case numbers should be included if available. 9 10 (h) Petitioner is either a victim of domestic violence 11 has suffered or has reasonable cause to fear imminent domestic violence because respondent has(check off all that apply and 12 describe in the spaces below the incidents of violence or 13 threats of violence, specifying when and where they occurred, 14 including locations such as a home, school, place of 15 employment, or visitation exchange): ..... 16 17 ....committed or threatened to commit domestic violence defined in s. 741.28 as any assault, aggravated assault, 18 19 battery, aggravated battery, sexual assault, sexual battery, stalking, aggravated stalking, kidnapping, false imprisonment, 20 or any criminal offense resulting in physical injury or death 21 22 of one family or household member by another who is or was residing in the same single dwelling unit; 23 24 .... previously threatened, harassed, stalked, or 25 physically abused the petitioner; ....attempted to harm the petitioner or family members 26 27 or individuals associated with the petitioner; ....threatened to conceal, kidnap, or harm the 28 29 petitioner's child(ren); 30 ....intentionally injured or killed a family pet; 31

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1	used, or has threatened to use against the
2	petitioner any weapons such as guns or knives;
3	physically restrained the petitioner from leaving
4	the home or calling law enforcement;
5	a criminal history involving violence or the threat
6	of violence (if known);
7	another order of protection issued against him or
8	her previously or from another jurisdiction (if known);
9	engaged in any other behavior or conduct that leads
10	the petitioner to believe he or she is in danger of becoming a
11	victim of domestic violence.
12	(i) Petitioner alleges the following additional
13	specific facts: (mark appropriate sections)
14	Petitioner is the custodian of a minor child or
15	children whose names and ages are as follows:
16	Petitioner needs the exclusive use and possession
17	of the dwelling that the parties share.
18	Petitioner is unable to obtain safe alternative
19	housing because:
20	Petitioner genuinely fears that respondent
21	imminently will abuse, remove, or hide the minor child or
22	children from petitioner because:
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24	(j) Petitioner genuinely fears imminent domestic
25	violence by respondent.
26	(k) Petitioner seeks an injunction: (mark appropriate
27	section or sections)
28	Immediately restraining the respondent from
29	committing any acts of domestic violence.
30	Restraining the respondent from committing any acts
31	of domestic violence.

1	Awarding to the petitioner the temporary exclusive
2	use and possession of the dwelling that the parties share or
3	excluding the respondent from the residence of the petitioner.
4	Awarding temporary custody of, or temporary
5	visitation rights with regard to, the minor child or children
6	of the parties, or prohibiting or limiting visitation to that
7	which is supervised by a third party.
8	Establishing temporary support for the minor child
9	or children or the petitioner.
10	Directing the respondent to participate in a
11	batterers' intervention program or other treatment pursuant to
12	s. 39.901.
13	Providing any terms the court deems necessary for
14	the protection of a victim of domestic violence, or any minor
15	children of the victim, including any injunctions or
16	directives to law enforcement agencies.
17	(c) Every petition for an injunction against domestic
18	violence shall contain, directly above the signature line, a
19	statement in all capital letters and bold type not smaller
20	than the surrounding text, as follows:
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22	I HAVE READ EVERY STATEMENT MADE IN THIS
23	PETITION AND EACH STATEMENT IS TRUE AND
24	CORRECT. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE STATEMENTS MADE
25	IN THIS PETITION ARE BEING MADE UNDER PENALTY
26	OF PERJURY, PUNISHABLE AS PROVIDED IN SECTION
27	837.02, FLORIDA STATUTES.
28	(initials)
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30	(d) If the sworn petition seeks to determine issues of
31	custody or visitation with regard to the minor child or
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1 children of the parties, the sworn petition shall be 2 accompanied by or shall incorporate the allegations required 3 by s. 61.132 of the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Act. 4 (5)(a) When it appears to the court that a petitioner 5 is either a victim an immediate and present danger of domestic б violence or has reasonable cause to believe that he or she is 7 in imminent danger of becoming the victim of any act of 8 domestic violence exists, the court may grant a temporary injunction ex parte, pending a full hearing, and may grant 9 10 such relief as the court deems proper, including an 11 injunction: 1. Restraining the respondent from committing any acts 12 13 of domestic violence. 2. Awarding to the petitioner the temporary exclusive 14 use and possession of the dwelling that the parties share or 15 excluding the respondent from the residence of the petitioner. 16 17 3. On the same basis as provided in s. 61.13(2), (3), 18 (4), and (5), granting to the petitioner temporary custody of 19 a minor child or children. 20 (b) In a hearing ex parte for the purpose of obtaining 21 such ex parte temporary injunction, no evidence other than verified pleadings or affidavits shall be used as evidence, 22 unless the respondent appears at the hearing or has received 23 24 reasonable notice of the hearing. A denial of a petition for 25 an ex parte injunction shall be by written order noting the legal grounds for denial. When the only ground for denial is 26 no appearance of an immediate and present danger of domestic 27 28 violence, the court shall set a full hearing on the petition 29 for injunction with notice at the earliest possible time. Nothing herein affects a petitioner's right to promptly amend 30 31

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1 any petition, or otherwise be heard in person on any petition 2 consistent with the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure. 3 (c) Any such ex parte temporary injunction shall be effective for a fixed period not to exceed 15 days. A full 4 5 hearing, as provided by this section, shall be set for a date 6 no later than the date when the temporary injunction ceases to 7 be effective. The court may grant a continuance of the hearing before or during a hearing for good cause shown by any party, 8 9 which shall include a continuance to obtain service of 10 process. Any injunction shall be extended if necessary to 11 remain in full force and effect during any period of continuance. It is the intent of the Legislature that the 12 13 process of granting ex parte temporary injunctions protect victims of domestic violence for as long as the victim is in 14 15 danger. Therefore, the Supreme Court is requested to adopt rules to require extensions of an ex parte temporary 16 17 injunction in situations that include, but are not limited to, those instances in which the petitioner has returned for the 18 19 full hearing and the only basis for denying an extension is 20 the lack of service process. (d) Prior to a full hearing or upon motion or request 21 22 of a party after a full hearing, a court, or its representatives, may not refer any case to mediation or any 23 24 alternative dispute resolution. 25 (6)(a) Upon notice and hearing, when it appears to the court that the petitioner is either the victim of domestic 26 27 violence as defined by section 741.28, or has reasonable cause 28 to believe he or she is in imminent danger of becoming a 29 victim of domestic violence, the court may grant such relief 30 as the court deems proper, including an injunction: 31

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1. Restraining the respondent from committing any acts of domestic violence.

3 2. Awarding to the petitioner the exclusive use and
4 possession of the dwelling that the parties share or excluding
5 the respondent from the residence of the petitioner.

6 3. On the same basis as provided in chapter 61,
7 awarding temporary custody of, or temporary visitation rights
8 with regard to, a minor child or children of the parties.

9 4. On the same basis as provided in chapter 61,
10 establishing temporary support for a minor child or children
11 or the petitioner.

Ordering the respondent to participate in 12 5. treatment, intervention, or counseling services to be paid for 13 by the respondent. When the court orders the respondent to 14 15 participate in a batterers' intervention program, the court, or any entity designated by the court, must provide the 16 respondent with a list of all certified batterers' 17 18 intervention programs and all programs which have submitted an 19 application to the Department of Corrections to become 20 certified under s. 741.325, from which the respondent must choose a program in which to participate. If there are no 21 certified batterers' intervention programs in the circuit, the 22 court shall provide a list of acceptable programs from which 23 24 the respondent must choose a program in which to participate. 25 6. Referring a petitioner to a certified domestic violence center. The court must provide the petitioner with a 26 27 list of certified domestic violence centers in the circuit 28 which the petitioner may contact. 29 7. Ordering such other relief as the court deems

30 necessary for the protection of a victim of domestic violence,
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1 including injunctions or directives to law enforcement 2 agencies, as provided in this section. 3 (b) In determining whether a petitioner has reasonable cause to believe he or she is in imminent danger of becoming a 4 5 victim of domestic violence, the court shall consider and б evaluate all relevant factors alleged in the petition, 7 including, but not limited to: 8 1. The history between the petitioner and the 9 respondent, including threats, harassment, stalking, and 10 physical abuse; 11 2. Whether the respondent has attempted to harm the petitioner or family members or individuals associated with 12 13 the petitioner; 3. Whether the respondent has threatened to conceal, 14 kidnap, or harm the petitioner's child or children; 15 4. Whether the respondent has intentionally injured or 16 17 killed a family pet; 5. Whether the respondent has used, or has threatened 18 19 to use, against the petitioner any weapons such as guns or 20 knives; 21 6. Whether the respondent has physically restrained the petitioner from leaving the home or calling law 22 enforcement; 23 24 7. Whether the respondent has a criminal history 25 involving violence or the threat of violence; 26 The existence of a verifiable order of protection 8. 27 issued previously or from another jurisdiction; and 9. Any other behavior or conduct that leads the court 28 29 to believe that the petitioner is in danger of becoming a 30 victim of domestic violence. 31

1 In making its determination under this section, the court may not deny relief based solely on the absence of any or all of 2 3 the factors enumerated in subparagraphs 1.-9. (c)(b) The terms of an injunction restraining the 4 5 respondent under subparagraph (a)1. or ordering other relief 6 for the protection of the victim under subparagraph (a)7. 7 shall remain in effect until modified or dissolved. Either party may move at any time to modify or dissolve the 8 9 injunction. No specific allegations are required. A party may 10 not seek de novo review of the domestic violence allegations 11 considered by the court at the hearing on the final judgment of injunction. Such relief may be granted in addition to other 12 13 civil or criminal remedies. 14 (d) (d) (c) A temporary or final judgment on injunction for protection against domestic violence entered pursuant to this 15 section shall, on its face, indicate that: 16 17 1. The injunction is valid and enforceable in all counties of the State of Florida. 18 19 2. Law enforcement officers may use their arrest 20 powers pursuant to s. 901.15(6) to enforce the terms of the 21 injunction. The court had jurisdiction over the parties and 22 3. matter under the laws of Florida and that reasonable notice 23 24 and opportunity to be heard was given to the person against 25 whom the order is sought sufficient to protect that person's right to due process. 26 27 4. The date respondent was served with the temporary 28 or final order, if obtainable. 29 (e)(d) An injunction for protection against domestic 30 violence entered pursuant to this section, on its face, may 31 order that the respondent attend a batterers' intervention 17

1 program as a condition of the injunction. Unless the court 2 makes written factual findings in its judgment or order which 3 are based on substantial evidence, stating why batterers' 4 intervention programs would be inappropriate, the court shall 5 order the respondent to attend a batterers' intervention б program if: 7 1. It finds that the respondent willfully violated the 8 ex parte injunction; 9 2. The respondent, in this state or any other state, 10 has been convicted of, had adjudication withheld on, or pled 11 nolo contendere to a crime involving violence or a threat of violence; or 12 The respondent, in this state or any other state, 13 3. 14 has had at any time a prior injunction for protection entered 15 against the respondent after a hearing with notice. 16 17 It is mandatory that such programs be certified under s. 741.32. 18 19 (f)<del>(e)</del> The fact that a separate order of protection is granted to each opposing party shall not be legally sufficient 20 to deny any remedy to either party or to prove that the 21 parties are equally at fault or equally endangered. 22 (g) (f) A final judgment on injunction for protection 23 24 against domestic violence entered pursuant to this section 25 must, on its face, indicate that it is a violation of s. 790.233, and a first degree misdemeanor, for the respondent to 26 have in his or her care, custody, possession, or control any 27 28 firearm or ammunition. 29 (h) All proceedings under this subsection are to be recorded if the court chooses to provide for the recording and 30 31 has adequate existing court resources for any associated 18

costs. Recording may be by electronic means as provided by the 1 Rules of Judicial Administration. If the means to record the 2 3 proceedings are not available, the parties must be notified 4 prior to the full hearing. 5 Section 9. The Office of State Court Administrator shall examine the current practice of the courts with respect б to the determination of visitation and custody and the terms 7 8 of visitation and custody when an injunction for protection has been ordered; the consideration of custody and visitation 9 10 in the injunction hearings; and the issuing of injunctions for 11 protection during a dissolution-of-marriage proceeding. Based on the findings of this examination, the Office of State Court 12 Administrator shall develop recommendations for ensuring the 13 most appropriate consideration of custody and visitation 14 issues during the injunction process and of 15 injunction-for-protection issues during the 16 17 dissolution-of-marriage process. This examination and development of recommendations must be conducted in 18 19 collaboration with the Department of Children and Family Services, the Department of Community Affairs, the Department 20 of Revenue, the Florida Sheriffs Association, the Florida 21 Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the Family Law Section of 22 The Florida Bar, and any other interested organizations 23 24 identified by the Office of State Court Administrator. All 25 participants in this process must attend meetings at their own expense. A report of the recommendations must be submitted to 26 27 the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of 28 the House of Representatives by January 1, 2002. 29 Section 10. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001. 30 31

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SENATE SUMMARY
Redefines the terms "Increases to \$36 the fee that the clerk of the circuit court collects in dissolution of marriage cases which is to be deposited in the Domestic Violence Trust fun. Provides additional circumstances under which a family violence indicator must be placed on a record. Deletes the requirements that a court order a defendant to attend a batterers' intervention program if the person is admitted to a pretrial diversion program and has been charged with an act of domestic violence. Specifies when a person has standing to file a petition for an injunction against domestic violence. Provides for incidents that describe violence or threats of violence. Provides legislative intent that ex parte temporary injunctions protect a victim as long as he or she is in danger. Requests the Supreme Court to adopt rules to require extensions of temporary injunctions. Specifies when a court may grant relief. Provides factors for the court to consider in determining imminent danger. Provides for recording of proceedings if the court so orders. Directs the Office of State Court Administrator to examine and develop current practices of the courts relating to visitation and custody and dissolution proceedings when an injunction for protection has been ordered. Provides for a report to the Governor and the Legislature.

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