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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to violations of probation or community control; amending s. 948.06, F.S.; providing for the period of probation or community control for an offender to be tolled following the filing of an affidavit alleging a violation of the probation or community control and the issuance of a warrant; providing for reinstatement of a previously imposed period of probation or community control following dismissal of such an affidavit; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 948.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

948.06 Violation of probation or community control; revocation; modification; continuance; failure to pay restitution or cost of supervision. --

(1) Whenever within the period of probation or community control there are reasonable grounds to believe that a probationer or offender in community control has violated his or her probation or community control in a material respect, any law enforcement officer who is aware of the probationary or community control status of the probationer or offender in community control or any parole or probation supervisor may arrest or request any county or municipal law enforcement officer to arrest such probationer or offender without warrant wherever found and forthwith return him or her 31 to the court granting such probation or community control. Any

committing magistrate may issue a warrant, upon the facts 1 being made known to him or her by affidavit of one having 2 3 knowledge of such facts, for the arrest of the probationer or offender, returnable forthwith before the court granting such 4 5 probation or community control. Any parole or probation supervisor, any officer authorized to serve criminal process, 6 7 or any peace officer of this state is authorized to serve and 8 execute such warrant. Upon the filing of an affidavit alleging 9 a violation of probation or community control, and the issuance of a warrant pursuant to s. 901.02(1), the 10 11 probationary period is tolled until the violation is proven 12 and the offender's probation or community control is revoked, 13 modified, or continued. The court, upon the probationer or 14 offender being brought before it, shall advise him or her of such charge of violation and, if such charge is admitted to be 15 16 true, may forthwith revoke, modify, or continue the probation or community control or place the probationer into a community 17 control program. If probation or community control is revoked, 18 the court shall adjudge the probationer or offender guilty of 19 20 the offense charged and proven or admitted, unless he or she has previously been adjudged guilty, and impose any sentence 21 22 which it might have originally imposed before placing the probationer on probation or the offender into community 23 control. If such violation of probation or community control 24 is not admitted by the probationer or offender, the court may 25 26 commit him or her or release him or her with or without bail 27 to await further hearing, or it may dismiss the charge of 28 probation or community control violation. If such charge is 29 not at that time admitted by the probationer or offender and if it is not dismissed, the court, as soon as may be 30 31 practicable, shall give the probationer or offender an

opportunity to be fully heard on his or her behalf in person 1 2 or by counsel. After such hearing, the court may revoke, 3 modify, or continue the probation or community control or place the probationer into community control. If such 4 5 probation or community control is revoked, the court shall adjudge the probationer or offender guilty of the offense 6 7 charged and proven or admitted, unless he or she has 8 previously been adjudged guilty, and impose any sentence which it might have originally imposed before placing the 9 probationer or offender on probation or into community 10 control. If, after a hearing, the court dismisses an affidavit 11 alleging a violation of probation or community control, the 12 13 offender's probation or community control shall continue as previously imposed, notwithstanding any period the probation 14 15 or community control was tolled. 16 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001. 17 18 19 HOUSE SUMMARY 20 Provides that if an affidavit is filed alleging an offender violated his or her probation or community control, and a warrant is issued pursuant to s. 901.02(1), F.S., the probationary period is tolled until the court revokes, modifies, or continues the offender's probation or community control. Provides for the probationary period to be reinstated if the court dismisses the affidavit alleging the violation. 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31