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A bill to be entitled An act relating to school attendance by violent offenders; amending s. 230.235, F.S.; requiring schools to adopt a policy of zero tolerance for victimization of students; requiring each school district to enter into an agreement with the Department of Juvenile Justice for the purpose of protecting victims; amending s. 231.0851, F.S.; requiring principals to take certain actions when a student has been a victim of a violent crime perpetrated by another student; providing ineligibility for certain performance pay policy incentives under certain circumstances; creating s. 232.265, F.S.; requiring the Department of Juvenile Justice to provide certain notice to school districts under certain circumstances; prohibiting certain persons from attending certain schools or riding on certain school buses under certain circumstances; providing for attending alternate schools; assigning responsibility for certain transportation under certain circumstances; amending s. 960.001, F.S.; providing an additional guideline for attendance of a victim at the same school as a juvenile defendant; amending s. 985.228, F.S.; requiring certain court orders to include certain findings; amending s. 985.23, F.S.; requiring a court to determine the appropriateness of a no-contact order under certain circumstances; amending ss. 985.231,

31 school-sponsored activity.

1 985.233, F.S.; requiring a court placement 2 order or a commitment order to include certain 3 findings; providing an effective date. 4 5 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 6 7 Section 1. Section 230.235, Florida Statutes, is 8 amended to read: 9 230.235 Policy of zero tolerance for crime and 10 victimization. --11 (1) Each school district shall, pursuant to this section, adopt a policy of zero tolerance for: 12 13 (a) Crime and substance abuse pursuant to this 14 section. Such a policy shall include the reporting of delinquent acts and crimes occurring whenever and wherever 15 students are under the jurisdiction of the school district. 16 17 (b) Victimization of students. Such a policy shall include taking all steps necessary to protect the victim of 18 19 any violent crime from any further victimization. 20 (2) The policy shall require students found to have 21 committed one of the following offenses to be expelled, with or without continuing educational services, from the student's 22 regular school for a period of not less than 1 full year, and 23 24 to be referred for criminal prosecution: 25 (a) Bringing a firearm or weapon, as defined in chapter 790, to school, to any school function, or onto any 26 school-sponsored transportation. 27 28 (b) Making a threat or false report, as defined by ss. 790.162 and 790.163, respectively, involving school or school 29 personnel's property, school transportation, or a 30

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District school boards may assign the student to a disciplinary program or second chance school for the purpose of continuing educational services during the period of expulsion. Superintendents may consider the 1-year expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis and request the district school board to modify the requirement by assigning the student to a disciplinary program or second chance school if it is determined to be in the best interest of the student and the school system. If a student committing any of the offenses in this subsection is a student with a disability, the school district shall comply with procedures pursuant to s. 232.251 and any applicable state board rule.

(3) Each school district shall enter into an agreement with the county sheriff's office or local police department specifying guidelines for ensuring that felonies and violent misdemeanors, whether committed by a student or adult, and delinquent acts that would be felonies or violent misdemeanors if committed by an adult, are reported to law enforcement. The cooperative agreement adopted pursuant to s. 230.23161(14) with the Department of Juvenile Justice shall specify guidelines for ensuring that all no-contact orders entered by the court are reported and enforced and that all steps necessary are taken to protect the victim of any such crime. Such agreements shall include the role of school resource officers, if applicable, in handling reported incidents, special circumstances in which school officials may handle incidents without filing a report to law enforcement, and a procedure for ensuring that school personnel properly report appropriate delinquent acts and crimes. The school principal 31 shall be responsible for ensuring that all school personnel

are properly informed as to their responsibilities regarding crime reporting, that appropriate delinquent acts and crimes are properly reported, and that actions taken in cases with special circumstances are properly taken and documented.

Section 2. Section 231.0851, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

231.0851 Reports of school safety and discipline. --

- (1) Each principal must ensure that standardized forms prescribed by rule of the State Board of Education are used to report data concerning school safety and discipline to the Department of Education. The principal must develop a plan to verify the accuracy of reported incidents.
- (2) When a student has been the victim of a violent crime perpetrated by another student who attends the same school, the principal shall make full and effective use of the provisions of ss. 232.26(2) and 232.265. A principal who fails to comply with this subsection shall be ineligible for any portion of the performance pay policy incentive under s. 230.23(5)(c). However, if any party responsible for notification fails to properly notify the school, the principal shall not be ineligible for the incentive.

Section 3. Section 232.265, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

232.265 School attendance and transportation of certain offenders.--

(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law prohibiting the disclosure of the identity of a minor, whenever any person who is attending public school is adjudicated guilty of or delinquent for, is found to have committed, regardless of whether adjudication is withheld, or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to a felony violation of:

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1	(a) Chapter 782, relating to homicide;
2	(b) Section 784.045, relating to aggravated battery;
3	(c) Chapter 787, relating to kidnapping, false
4	imprisonment, luring or enticing a child, and custody
5	offenses;
6	(d) Chapter 794, relating to sexual battery;
7	(e) Chapter 800, relating to lewdness and indecent
8	exposure;
9	(f) Chapter 827, relating to abuse of children;
10	(g) Section 812.13, relating to robbery;
11	(h) Section 812.131, relating to robbery by sudden
12	snatching;
13	(i) Section 812.133, relating to carjacking; or
14	(j) Section 812.135, relating to home-invasion
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17	and, before or at the time of such adjudication, withholding
18	of adjudication, or plea, the offender was attending a school
19	attended by the victim or a sibling of the victim of the
20	offense, the Department of Juvenile Justice shall notify the
21	appropriate school district of the adjudication or plea and
22	the operation of this section and whether the offender is
23	prohibited from attending that school or riding on a school
24	bus whenever the victim or a sibling of the victim is
25	attending the same school or riding on the same school bus,
26	except as provided pursuant to a written disposition order
27	under s. 985.23(1)(d). Upon receipt of such notice, the
28	school district shall take appropriate action to effectuate
29	the provisions of subsection (2).
30	(2) Any offender described in subsection (1) who is
31	not exempted as provided in subsection (1) may not attend any

 school attended by the victim or a sibling of the victim of the offense or ride on a school bus on which the victim or a sibling of the victim is riding. The offender shall be permitted by the school district in which the offender resides to attend another school within the district, provided the other school is not attended by the victim or a sibling of the victim of the offense, or may be permitted by another school district to attend a school in that district if the offender is unable to attend any school in the district in which the offender resides due to the operation of this section.

- (3) If the offender is unable to attend any other school in the district in which the offender resides and is prohibited from attending school in another school district, the school district in which the offender resides shall take every reasonable precaution to keep the offender separated from the victim while on school grounds or on school transportation. The steps to be taken by a school district to keep the offender separated from the victim shall include, but need not be limited to, in-school suspension of the offender and the scheduling of classes, lunch, or other school activities of the victim and the offender so that they do not coincide.
- (4) The offender, or the parents or legal guardian of the offender if the offender is a juvenile, shall be responsible for arranging and paying for transportation associated with or required by the offender's attending another school or that would be required as a consequence of the prohibition against riding on a school bus on which the victim or a sibling of the victim is riding. However, the offender or the parents or the legal guardian of the offender may not be charged for existing modes of transportation that

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 can be used by the offender at no additional cost to the district.

Section 4. Paragraph (s) is added to subsection (1) of section 960.001, Florida Statutes, to read:

960.001 Guidelines for fair treatment of victims and witnesses in the criminal justice and juvenile justice systems.--

- attorneys, the Department of Legal Affairs, the state attorneys, the Department of Corrections, the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Parole Commission, the State Courts Administrator and circuit court administrators, the Department of Law Enforcement, and every sheriff's department, police department, or other law enforcement agency as defined in s. 943.10(4) shall develop and implement guidelines for the use of their respective agencies, which guidelines are consistent with the purposes of this act and s. 16(b), Art. I of the State Constitution and are designed to implement the provisions of s. 16(b), Art. I of the State Constitution and to achieve the following objectives:
- defendant.--When the victim of an offense committed by a juvenile is a minor, the Department of Juvenile Justice shall request information to determine if the victim, or any sibling of the victim, attends or is eligible to attend the same school as the offender. However, if the offender is subject to the jurisdiction of the criminal circuit court, the Department of Corrections shall make such request. If the victim or any sibling of the victim attends or is eligible to attend the same school as that of the offender, the appropriate agency shall notify the victim's parent or legal guardian of the right to attend the sentencing or disposition of the offender

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and request that the offender be required to attend a different school.

Section 5. Subsection (4) of section 985.228, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

985.228 Adjudicatory hearings; withheld adjudications; orders of adjudication. --

(4) If the court finds that the child named in the petition has committed a delinquent act or violation of law, it may, in its discretion, enter an order stating the facts upon which its finding is based but withholding adjudication of delinquency and placing the child in a probation program under the supervision of the department or under the supervision of any other person or agency specifically authorized and appointed by the court. The court may, as a condition of the program, impose as a penalty component restitution in money or in kind, community service, a curfew, urine monitoring, revocation or suspension of the driver's license of the child, or other nonresidential punishment appropriate to the offense, and may impose as a rehabilitative component a requirement of participation in substance abuse treatment, or school or other educational program attendance. If the child is attending public school and the court finds that the victim or a sibling of the victim in the case was assigned to attend or is eligible to attend the same school as the child, the court order shall include a finding pursuant to the proceedings described in s. 985.23(1)(d). If the court later finds that the child has not complied with the rules, restrictions, or conditions of the community-based program, the court may, after a hearing to establish the lack of compliance, but without further evidence of the state of 31 delinquency, enter an adjudication of delinquency and shall

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thereafter have full authority under this chapter to deal with the child as adjudicated.

Section 6. Subsection (1) of section 985.23, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

985.23 Disposition hearings in delinquency cases.--When a child has been found to have committed a delinquent act, the following procedures shall be applicable to the disposition of the case:

- (1) Before the court determines and announces the disposition to be imposed, it shall:
- (a) State clearly, using common terminology, the purpose of the hearing and the right of persons present as parties to comment at the appropriate time on the issues before the court;
- (b) Discuss with the child his or her compliance with any home release plan or other plan imposed since the date of the offense;
- (c) Discuss with the child his or her feelings about the offense committed, the harm caused to the victim or others, and what penalty he or she should be required to pay for such transgression; and
- (d) Give all parties present at the hearing an opportunity to comment on the issue of disposition and any proposed rehabilitative plan. Parties to the case shall include the parents, legal custodians, or guardians of the child; the child's counsel; the state attorney; representatives of the department; the victim if any, or his or her representative; representatives of the school system; and the law enforcement officers involved in the case. If the child is attending or is eligible to attend public school and the court finds that the victim or a sibling of the victim in

the case is attending or may attend the same school as the child, the court shall, on its own motion or upon the request of any party or any parent or legal guardian of the victim, determine whether it is appropriate to enter a no-contact order in favor of the victim or a sibling of the victim. If appropriate and acceptable to the victim and the victim's parent or parents or legal guardian, the court may reflect in the written disposition order that the victim or the victim's parent stated in writing or in open court that he or she did not object to the offender being permitted to attend the same school or ride on the same school bus as the victim or a sibling of the victim.

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It is the intent of the Legislature that the criteria set forth in subsection (2) are general guidelines to be followed at the discretion of the court and not mandatory requirements of procedure. It is not the intent of the Legislature to provide for the appeal of the disposition made pursuant to this section.

Section 7. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 985.231, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

985.231 Powers of disposition in delinquency cases .--

- (1)(a) The court that has jurisdiction of an adjudicated delinquent child may, by an order stating the facts upon which a determination of a sanction and rehabilitative program was made at the disposition hearing:
- 1. Place the child in a probation program or a postcommitment probation program under the supervision of an authorized agent of the Department of Juvenile Justice or of any other person or agency specifically authorized and 31 appointed by the court, whether in the child's own home, in

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the home of a relative of the child, or in some other suitable place under such reasonable conditions as the court may direct. A probation program for an adjudicated delinquent child must include a penalty component such as restitution in money or in kind, community service, a curfew, revocation or suspension of the driver's license of the child, or other nonresidential punishment appropriate to the offense and must also include a rehabilitative program component such as a requirement of participation in substance abuse treatment or in school or other educational program. If the child is attending or is eligible to attend public school and the court finds that the victim or a sibling of the victim in the case is attending or may attend the same school as the child, the court placement order shall include a finding pursuant to the proceedings described in s. 985.23(1)(d). Upon the recommendation of the department at the time of disposition, or subsequent to disposition pursuant to the filing of a petition alleging a violation of the child's conditions of postcommitment probation or conditional release supervision, the court may order the child to submit to random testing for the purpose of detecting and monitoring the use of alcohol or controlled substances.

A restrictiveness level classification scale for levels of supervision shall be provided by the department, taking into account the child's needs and risks relative to probation supervision requirements to reasonably ensure the public safety. Probation programs for children shall be supervised by the department or by any other person or agency specifically authorized by the court. These programs must include, but are not limited to, structured or restricted 31 activities as described in this subparagraph, and shall be

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designed to encourage the child toward acceptable and functional social behavior. If supervision or a program of community service is ordered by the court, the duration of such supervision or program must be consistent with any treatment and rehabilitation needs identified for the child and may not exceed the term for which sentence could be imposed if the child were committed for the offense, except that the duration of such supervision or program for an offense that is a misdemeanor of the second degree, or is equivalent to a misdemeanor of the second degree, may be for a period not to exceed 6 months. When restitution is ordered by the court, the amount of restitution may not exceed an amount the child and the parent or quardian could reasonably be expected to pay or make. A child who participates in any work program under this part is considered an employee of the state for purposes of liability, unless otherwise provided by law.

- b. The court may conduct judicial review hearings for a child placed on probation for the purpose of fostering accountability to the judge and compliance with other requirements, such as restitution and community service. The court may allow early termination of probation for a child who has substantially complied with the terms and conditions of probation.
- c. If the conditions of the probation program or the postcommitment probation program are violated, the department or the state attorney may bring the child before the court on a petition alleging a violation of the program. Any child who violates the conditions of probation or postcommitment probation must be brought before the court if sanctions are sought. A child taken into custody under s. 985.207 for violating the conditions of probation or postcommitment

probation shall be held in a consequence unit if such a unit 2 is available. The child shall be afforded a hearing within 24 3 hours after being taken into custody to determine the existence of probable cause that the child violated the 4 5 conditions of probation or postcommitment probation. A 6 consequence unit is a secure facility specifically designated 7 by the department for children who are taken into custody under s. 985.207 for violating probation or postcommitment 9 probation, or who have been found by the court to have 10 violated the conditions of probation or postcommitment 11 probation. If the violation involves a new charge of delinquency, the child may be detained under s. 985.215 in a 12 13 facility other than a consequence unit. If the child is not eligible for detention for the new charge of delinquency, the 14 15 child may be held in the consequence unit pending a hearing and is subject to the time limitations specified in s. 16 17 985.215. If the child denies violating the conditions of 18 probation or postcommitment probation, the court shall appoint 19 counsel to represent the child at the child's request. Upon the child's admission, or if the court finds after a hearing 20 21 that the child has violated the conditions of probation or postcommitment probation, the court shall enter an order 22 revoking, modifying, or continuing probation or postcommitment 23 24 probation. In each such case, the court shall enter a new disposition order and, in addition to the sanctions set forth 25 in this paragraph, may impose any sanction the court could 26 have imposed at the original disposition hearing. If the child 27 28 is found to have violated the conditions of probation or 29 postcommitment probation, the court may: 30 (I) Place the child in a consequence unit in that

31 judicial circuit, if available, for up to 5 days for a first

violation, and up to 15 days for a second or subsequent violation.

- (II) Place the child on home detention with electronic monitoring. However, this sanction may be used only if a residential consequence unit is not available.
- (III) Modify or continue the child's probation program or postcommitment probation program.
- $\,$ (IV) $\,$ Revoke probation or postcommitment probation and commit the child to the department.
- d. Notwithstanding s. 743.07 and paragraph (d), and except as provided in s. 985.31, the term of any order placing a child in a probation program must be until the child's 19th birthday unless he or she is released by the court, on the motion of an interested party or on its own motion.
- 2. Commit the child to a licensed child-caring agency willing to receive the child, but the court may not commit the child to a jail or to a facility used primarily as a detention center or facility or shelter.
- 3. Commit the child to the Department of Juvenile Justice at a <u>residential commitment</u> restrictiveness level defined in s. 985.03. Such commitment must be for the purpose of exercising active control over the child, including, but not limited to, custody, care, training, urine monitoring, and treatment of the child and release of the child into the community in a postcommitment nonresidential conditional release program. If the child is eligible to attend public school following residential commitment and the court finds that the victim or a sibling of the victim in the case is or may be attending the same school as the child, the commitment order shall include a finding pursuant to the proceedings described in s. 985.23(1)(d).If the child is not successful

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30 31 in the conditional release program, the department may use the transfer procedure under s. 985.404. Notwithstanding s. 743.07 and paragraph (d), and except as provided in s. 985.31, the term of the commitment must be until the child is discharged by the department or until he or she reaches the age of 21.

- 4. Revoke or suspend the driver's license of the child.
- 5. Require the child and, if the court finds it appropriate, the child's parent or guardian together with the child, to render community service in a public service program.
- As part of the probation program to be implemented by the Department of Juvenile Justice, or, in the case of a committed child, as part of the community-based sanctions ordered by the court at the disposition hearing or before the child's release from commitment, order the child to make restitution in money, through a promissory note cosigned by the child's parent or guardian, or in kind for any damage or loss caused by the child's offense in a reasonable amount or manner to be determined by the court. The clerk of the circuit court shall be the receiving and dispensing agent. In such case, the court shall order the child or the child's parent or guardian to pay to the office of the clerk of the circuit court an amount not to exceed the actual cost incurred by the clerk as a result of receiving and dispensing restitution payments. The clerk shall notify the court if restitution is not made, and the court shall take any further action that is necessary against the child or the child's parent or quardian. A finding by the court, after a hearing, that the parent or guardian has made diligent and good faith efforts to prevent the child from engaging in delinquent acts absolves the parent

or guardian of liability for restitution under this subparagraph.

- 7. Order the child and, if the court finds it appropriate, the child's parent or guardian together with the child, to participate in a community work project, either as an alternative to monetary restitution or as part of the rehabilitative or probation program.
- 8. Commit the child to the Department of Juvenile Justice for placement in a program or facility for serious or habitual juvenile offenders in accordance with s. 985.31. Any commitment of a child to a program or facility for serious or habitual juvenile offenders must be for an indeterminate period of time, but the time may not exceed the maximum term of imprisonment that an adult may serve for the same offense. The court may retain jurisdiction over such child until the child reaches the age of 21, specifically for the purpose of the child completing the program.
- 9. In addition to the sanctions imposed on the child, order the parent or guardian of the child to perform community service if the court finds that the parent or guardian did not make a diligent and good faith effort to prevent the child from engaging in delinquent acts. The court may also order the parent or guardian to make restitution in money or in kind for any damage or loss caused by the child's offense. The court shall determine a reasonable amount or manner of restitution, and payment shall be made to the clerk of the circuit court as provided in subparagraph 6.
- 10. Subject to specific appropriation, commit the juvenile sexual offender to the Department of Juvenile Justice for placement in a program or facility for juvenile sexual offenders in accordance with s. 985.308. Any commitment of a

juvenile sexual offender to a program or facility for juvenile sexual offenders must be for an indeterminate period of time, but the time may not exceed the maximum term of imprisonment that an adult may serve for the same offense. The court may retain jurisdiction over a juvenile sexual offender until the juvenile sexual offender reaches the age of 21, specifically for the purpose of completing the program.

Section 8. Paragraph (f) is added to subsection (4) of section 985.233, Florida Statutes, to read:

985.233 Sentencing powers; procedures; alternatives for juveniles prosecuted as adults.--

- (4) SENTENCING ALTERNATIVES. --
- is eligible to attend public school and the court finds that the victim or a sibling of the victim in the case is attending or may attend the same school as the child, the court placement order shall include a finding pursuant to the proceeding described in s. 985.23(1)(d).

It is the intent of the Legislature that the criteria and guidelines in this subsection are mandatory and that a determination of disposition under this subsection is subject to the right of the child to appellate review under s. 985.234.

Section 9. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

1	STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
2	COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SB 974
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4	The committee substitute adds the following provisions to the bill:
5 6	-Requires zero tolerance policies to address the protection of students who are the victims of violent crimes;
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7 8	and the Department of Juvenile Justice to specify guidelines for ensuring the reporting and enforcement of "no contact" orders;
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10 11	-Amends ss. 985.228, 985.231, and 985.233, F.S., related to court orders involving the school attended by the victim, the victim's sibling, and the student who is the subject of court action;
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15	-Requires notification to the school district by the Department of Juvenile Justice related to court actions and "no contact" orders;
16	-Requires the Department of Juvenile Justice (for juveniles
17 18	who are victim of certain offenses) or the Department of Corrections (for persons subject to the jurisdiction of the criminal justice system) to request information related to the school attended by the victim or the victim's sibling and requires notification to the victim's parents or legal quardian about the right to attend court proceedings and make
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21 22	-Includes an economic sanction (with an exception) for a school principal who fails to use the provisions of law for victims of violent crime committed by another student at the same school;
23 24	-Includes new guidelines for the fair treatment of victims in the criminal justice and juvenile justice systems;
25	-Changes the reference in s. 985.231(1)(a)3.,F.S.,to reflect
26	the Department of Juvenile Justice's residential commitment level; and
27	-Requires the school district to take precautions for
28	separating the student from the victim while on school
29	The committee substitute makes the following changes:
30	-Clarifies the responsibilities for transportation when a
31	student must attend another school;

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-States that the offenses involved are felonies and includes certain offenses not contained in the original bill (homicide,
     aggravated battery, robbery, robbery by snatching, carjacking, and home invasion robbery); and
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     -Changes the effective date of the bill from October 1, 2001 to July 1, 2001.
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