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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to terrorism; creating s.  
775.30, F.S.; defining "terrorism" for purposes  
of the Florida Criminal Code; amending s.  
907.041, F.S.; providing for pretrial detention  
of persons charged with an act of terrorism or  
aircraft piracy; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 775.30, Florida Statutes, is  
created to read:

775.30 Terrorism; definition.--As used in the Florida  
Criminal Code, the term "terrorism" means an activity that:

(1)(a) Involves a violent act or an act dangerous to  
human life which is a violation of the criminal laws of this  
state or of the United States; or

(b) Involves a violation of s. 815.06; and

(2) Is intended to:

(a) Intimidate, injure, or coerce a civilian  
population;

(b) Influence the policy of a government by  
intimidation or coercion; or

(c) Affect the conduct of government through  
destruction of property, assassination, murder, kidnapping, or  
aircraft piracy.

Section 2. Subsection (4) of section 907.041, Florida  
Statutes, is amended to read:

907.041 Pretrial detention and release.--

(4) PRETRIAL DETENTION.--

1 (a) As used in this subsection, "dangerous crime"  
2 means any of the following:  
3 1. Arson;  
4 2. Aggravated assault;  
5 3. Aggravated battery;  
6 4. Illegal use of explosives;  
7 5. Child abuse or aggravated child abuse;  
8 6. Abuse of an elderly person or disabled adult, or  
9 aggravated abuse of an elderly person or disabled adult;  
10 7. Aircraft piracy ~~Hijacking~~;  
11 8. Kidnapping;  
12 9. Homicide;  
13 10. Manslaughter;  
14 11. Sexual battery;  
15 12. Robbery;  
16 13. Carjacking;  
17 14. Lewd, lascivious, or indecent assault or act upon  
18 or in presence of a child under the age of 16 years;  
19 15. Sexual activity with a child, who is 12 years of  
20 age or older but less than 18 years of age, by or at  
21 solicitation of person in familial or custodial authority;  
22 16. Burglary of a dwelling;  
23 17. Stalking and aggravated stalking;  
24 18. Act of domestic violence as defined in s. 741.28;  
25 and  
26 19. Home invasion robbery;  
27 20. Act of terrorism as defined in s. 775.30; and  
28 21. Attempting or conspiring to commit any such crime  
29 ~~and home invasion robbery.~~  
30 (b) No person charged with a dangerous crime shall be  
31 granted nonmonetary pretrial release at a first appearance

1 hearing; however, the court shall retain the discretion to  
2 release an accused on electronic monitoring or on recognizance  
3 bond if the findings on the record of facts and circumstances  
4 warrant such a release.

5 (c) The court may order pretrial detention if it finds  
6 a substantial probability, based on a defendant's past and  
7 present patterns of behavior, the criteria in s. 903.046, and  
8 any other relevant facts, that any of the following  
9 circumstances exists:

10 1. The defendant has previously violated conditions of  
11 release and that no further conditions of release are  
12 reasonably likely to assure the defendant's appearance at  
13 subsequent proceedings;

14 2. The defendant, with the intent to obstruct the  
15 judicial process, has threatened, intimidated, or injured any  
16 victim, potential witness, juror, or judicial officer, or has  
17 attempted or conspired to do so, and that no condition of  
18 release will reasonably prevent the obstruction of the  
19 judicial process;

20 3. The defendant is charged with trafficking in  
21 controlled substances as defined by s. 893.135, that there is  
22 a substantial probability that the defendant has committed the  
23 offense, and that no conditions of release will reasonably  
24 assure the defendant's appearance at subsequent criminal  
25 proceedings; or

26 4. The defendant is charged with DUI manslaughter, as  
27 defined by s. 316.193, and that there is a substantial  
28 probability that the defendant committed the crime and that  
29 the defendant poses a threat of harm to the community;  
30 conditions that would support a finding by the court pursuant  
31 to this subparagraph that the defendant poses a threat of harm

1 to the community include, but are not limited to, any of the  
2 following:

3 a. The defendant has previously been convicted of any  
4 crime under s. 316.193, or of any crime in any other state or  
5 territory of the United States that is substantially similar  
6 to any crime under s. 316.193;

7 b. The defendant was driving with a suspended driver's  
8 license when the charged crime was committed; or

9 c. The defendant has previously been found guilty of,  
10 or has had adjudication of guilt withheld for, driving while  
11 the defendant's driver's license was suspended or revoked in  
12 violation of s. 322.34;

13 5. The defendant poses the threat of harm to the  
14 community. The court may so conclude, if it finds that the  
15 defendant is presently charged with a dangerous crime, that  
16 there is a substantial probability that the defendant  
17 committed such crime, that the factual circumstances of the  
18 crime indicate a disregard for the safety of the community,  
19 and that there are no conditions of release reasonably  
20 sufficient to protect the community from the risk of physical  
21 harm to persons.

22 6. The defendant was on probation, parole, or other  
23 release pending completion of sentence or on pretrial release  
24 for a dangerous crime at the time the current offense was  
25 committed; or

26 7. The defendant has violated one or more conditions  
27 of pretrial release or bond for the offense currently before  
28 the court and the violation, in the discretion of the court,  
29 supports a finding that no conditions of release can  
30 reasonably protect the community from risk of physical harm to  
31 persons or assure the presence of the accused at trial.

1 (d) When a person charged with a crime for which  
2 pretrial detention could be ordered is arrested, the arresting  
3 agency shall promptly notify the state attorney of the arrest  
4 and shall provide the state attorney with such information as  
5 the arresting agency has obtained relative to:

6 1. The nature and circumstances of the offense  
7 charged;

8 2. The nature of any physical evidence seized and the  
9 contents of any statements obtained from the defendant or any  
10 witness;

11 3. The defendant's family ties, residence, employment,  
12 financial condition, and mental condition; and

13 4. The defendant's past conduct and present conduct,  
14 including any record of convictions, previous flight to avoid  
15 prosecution, or failure to appear at court proceedings.

16 (e) When a person charged with a crime for which  
17 pretrial detention could be ordered is arrested, the arresting  
18 agency may detain such defendant, prior to the filing by the  
19 state attorney of a motion seeking pretrial detention, for a  
20 period not to exceed 24 hours.

21 (f) The pretrial detention hearing shall be held  
22 within 5 days of the filing by the state attorney of a  
23 complaint to seek pretrial detention. The defendant may  
24 request a continuance. No continuance shall be for longer  
25 than 5 days unless there are extenuating circumstances. The  
26 defendant may be detained pending the hearing. The state  
27 attorney shall be entitled to one continuance for good cause.

28 (g) The state attorney has the burden of showing the  
29 need for pretrial detention.

30 (h) The defendant is entitled to be represented by  
31 counsel, to present witnesses and evidence, and to

1 cross-examine witnesses. The court may admit relevant  
2 evidence without complying with the rules of evidence, but  
3 evidence secured in violation of the United States  
4 Constitution or the Constitution of the State of Florida shall  
5 not be admissible. No testimony by the defendant shall be  
6 admissible to prove guilt at any other judicial proceeding,  
7 but such testimony may be admitted in an action for perjury,  
8 based upon the defendant's statements made at the pretrial  
9 detention hearing, or for impeachment.

10 (i) The pretrial detention order of the court shall be  
11 based solely upon evidence produced at the hearing and shall  
12 contain findings of fact and conclusions of law to support it.  
13 The order shall be made either in writing or orally on the  
14 record. The court shall render its findings within 24 hours of  
15 the pretrial detention hearing.

16 (j) A defendant convicted at trial following the  
17 issuance of a pretrial detention order shall have credited to  
18 his or her sentence, if imprisonment is imposed, the time the  
19 defendant was held under the order, pursuant to s. 921.161.

20 (k) The defendant shall be entitled to dissolution of  
21 the pretrial detention order whenever the court finds that a  
22 subsequent event has eliminated the basis for detention.

23 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
24 law.

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27 HOUSE SUMMARY

28 Defines "Terrorism for purposes of the Florida Criminal  
29 Code. Provides for pretrial detention of persons charged  
30 with an act or terrorism or aircraft piracy.

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