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An act relating to sexual offenders; amending

stop location information; amending s.

947.1405, F.S.; prohibiting certain sexual

s. 234.02(12)(c), F.S.; requiring school bus

offenders subject to conditional release

supervision from living within a specified

distance of certain places where children

9 congregate; creating s. 794.065, F.S.;

prohibiting persons convicted of certain sex

crimes from residing within 1,000 feet of a

school, day care center, park, or playground;

13 providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (12) of section 234.02, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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234.02 Safety and health of pupils.--Maximum regard for safety and adequate protection of health are primary requirements that must be observed by school boards in routing buses, appointing drivers, and providing and operating equipment, in accordance with all requirements of law and regulations of the commissioner in providing transportation pursuant to s. 234.01:

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(a) The routing and scheduling of school buses must be planned to eliminate the necessity for children to stand while a school bus is in motion. When circumstances of an emergency nature temporarily require transporting children on school buses in excess of the rated seating capacity, the buses must proceed at a reduced rate of speed to maximize safety of the

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students, taking into account existing traffic conditions. Each school board is responsible for prompt relief of the emergency condition by providing additional equipment, bus rerouting, bus rescheduling, or other appropriate remedial action.

- (b) Each school board, after considering recommendations from the superintendent, shall designate, by map or otherwise, or shall provide by school board rule for the designation of, nontransportation zones that are composed of all areas in the district from which it is unnecessary or impracticable to furnish transportation. Nontransportation zones must be designated annually before the opening of school and the designation of bus routes for the succeeding school year. Each school board, after considering recommendations from the superintendent, shall specifically designate, or shall provide by school board rule for the designation of, specific routes to be traveled regularly by school buses, and each route must meet the requirements prescribed by rules of the commissioner.
- bus stops, or provide by school board rule for the establishment of school bus stops, as necessary at the most reasonably safe locations available. Each district school board shall provide to the Department of Corrections the location of such school bus stops. Where unusual traffic hazards exist at school bus stops on roads maintained by the state outside of municipalities, the Department of Transportation, in concurrence and cooperation with and upon request of the district school board, shall place signs at such bus stops warning motorists of the location of the stops.

Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of section 947.1405, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

947.1405 Conditional release program.--

- (7)(a) Any inmate who is convicted of a crime committed on or after October 1, 1995, or who has been previously convicted of a crime committed on or after October 1, 1995, in violation of chapter 794, s. 800.04, s. 827.071, or s. 847.0145, and is subject to conditional release supervision, shall have, in addition to any other conditions imposed, the following special conditions imposed by the commission:
- 1. A mandatory curfew from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. The commission may designate another 8-hour period if the offender's employment precludes the above specified time, and such alternative is recommended by the Department of Corrections. If the commission determines that imposing a curfew would endanger the victim, the commission may consider alternative sanctions.
- 2. If the victim was under the age of 18, a prohibition on living within 1,000 feet of a school, day care center, park, playground, designated public school bus stop, or other place where children regularly congregate. In the event a school, day care center, park, playground, or designated public school bus stop is established or relocated at a distance less than 1,000 feet from the residence of a releasee, the department shall immediately notify such releasee and he or she must relocate his or her residence within 120 days from the date of the notice.
- 3. Active participation in and successful completion of a sex offender treatment program with therapists specifically trained to treat sex offenders, at the releasee's

own expense. If a specially trained therapist is not available within a 50-mile radius of the releasee's residence, the offender shall participate in other appropriate therapy.

- 4. A prohibition on any contact with the victim, directly or indirectly, including through a third person, unless approved by the victim, the offender's therapist, and the sentencing court.
- 5. If the victim was under the age of 18, a prohibition against direct contact or association with children under the age of 18 until all of the following conditions are met:
- a. Successful completion of a sex offender treatment program.
- b. The adult person who is legally responsible for the welfare of the child has been advised of the nature of the crime.
- c. Such adult person is present during all contact or association with the child.
- d. Such adult person has been approved by the commission.
- 6. If the victim was under age 18, a prohibition on working for pay or as a volunteer at any school, day care center, park, playground, or other place where children regularly congregate, as prescribed by the commission.
- 7. Unless otherwise indicated in the treatment plan provided by the sexual offender treatment program, a prohibition on viewing, owning, or possessing any obscene, pornographic, or sexually stimulating visual or auditory material, including telephone, electronic media, computer programs, or computer services that are relevant to the offender's deviant behavior pattern.

8. A requirement that the releasee must submit two specimens of blood to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to be registered with the DNA database.

- 9. A requirement that the releasee make restitution to the victim, as determined by the sentencing court or the commission, for all necessary medical and related professional services relating to physical, psychiatric, and psychological care.
- 10. Submission to a warrantless search by the community control or probation officer of the probationer's or community controllee's person, residence, or vehicle.

Section 3. Section 794.065, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

794.065 Unlawful place of residence for persons convicted of certain sex offenses.--

convicted of a violation of s. 794.011, s. 794.05, s. 800.04, s. 827.071, or s. 847.0145, regardless of whether adjudication has been withheld, in which the victim of the offense was less than 16 years of age, to reside within 1,000 feet of any school, day care center, park, or playground. A person who violates this section and whose conviction for s. 794.011, s. 794.05, s. 800.04, s. 827.071, or s. 847.0145 was classified as a felony of the first degree or higher commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. A person who violates this section and whose conviction for s. 794.011, s. 794.05, s. 800.04, s. 827.071, or s. 847.0145 was classified as a felony of the second or third degree commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.083.

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          (2) This section shall apply to any person convicted
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    of a violation of s. 794.011, s. 794.05, s. 800.04, s.
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           Section 4. This act shall take effect October 1, 2002.
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