

1 Section 1. Subsection (13) is added to section
2 943.0435, Florida Statutes, to read:

3 943.0435 Sexual offenders required to register with
4 the department; penalty.--

5 (13)(a) Law enforcement agencies must inform members
6 of the community and the public of a sexual offender's
7 presence. Upon notification of the presence of a sexual
8 offender, the sheriff of the county or the chief of police of
9 the municipality where the sexual offender establishes or
10 maintains a permanent or temporary residence shall notify
11 members of the community and the public of the presence of the
12 sexual offender in a manner deemed appropriate by the sheriff
13 or the chief of police. Within 48 hours after receiving
14 notification of the presence of a sexual offender, the sheriff
15 of the county or the chief of police of the municipality where
16 the sexual offender temporarily or permanently resides shall
17 notify each licensed day care center, elementary school,
18 middle school, and high school within a 1-mile radius of the
19 temporary or permanent residence of the sexual offender of the
20 presence of the sexual offender. Information provided to
21 members of the community and the public regarding a sexual
22 offender must include:

- 23 1. The name of the sexual offender;
- 24 2. A description of the sexual offender, including a
25 photograph;
- 26 3. The sexual offender's current address, including
27 the name of the county or municipality if known;
- 28 4. The circumstances of the sexual offender's
29 offenses; and
- 30 5. Whether any victim of the sexual offender was, at
31 the time of the offense, a minor or an adult.

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2 This paragraph does not authorize the release of the name of
3 any victim of the sexual offender.

4 (b) The sheriff or the police chief may coordinate the
5 community and public notification efforts with the department.
6 Statewide notification to the public is authorized, as deemed
7 appropriate by local law enforcement personnel and the
8 department.

9 (c) The department shall notify the public of all
10 designated sexual offenders through the Internet. The
11 Internet notice shall include the information required by
12 paragraph (a).

13 (d) The department shall adopt a protocol to assist
14 law enforcement agencies in their efforts to notify the
15 community and the public of the presence of sexual offenders.

16 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

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19 SENATE SUMMARY

20 Requires law enforcement agencies to inform members of
21 the community and the public of a sexual offender's
22 presence. Requires the sheriff of the county or the chief
23 of police of the municipality where the sexual offender
24 establishes or maintains a residence to notify members of
25 the community and the public of the presence of the
26 sexual offender. Requires the sheriff or the chief of
27 police to notify each licensed day care center,
28 elementary school, middle school, and high school within
29 a 1-mile radius of the residence of the sexual offender.
30 Requires certain information be given to the community
31 and the public regarding a sexual offender. Authorizes
the sheriff or the police chief to coordinate the
community and public notification efforts with the
Department of Law Enforcement. Requires the department to
notify the public of all designated sexual offenders
through the Internet. Requires the department to adopt a
protocol to assist law enforcement agencies in their
efforts to notify the community and the public of the
presence of sexual offenders.