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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to corrections; amending s. 945.28, F.S.; prohibiting the location of a probation and parole office within a specified distance of certain schools and day care facilities; providing for relocation of current probation and parole offices not in compliance with this requirement; creating s. 943.1301, F.S.; providing for certification of county probation officers at the discretion of the county governing body; providing for training for such officers; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 945.28, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

945.28 Location Selection of probation or parole offices ~~by the department; prohibitions;~~ public notice.--

(1) ~~Beginning July 1, 1995,~~ Whenever the department is going to enter into a contract for the lease or purchase of a probation and parole office space to be used by the department, the department shall provide notice, by publication in the county in which the office space is to be located, in a newspaper of general circulation in said county, 30 days prior to signing any lease or purchasing any property to be used for office space, that the department intends to lease or purchase such property. The published notice shall include a telephone number whereby interested members of the public may communicate with the department with respect to any

1 | questions or input the public may have with regard to the
2 | proposed lease or purchase.

3 | (2)(a) A probation and parole office may not be
4 | located within 2,500 feet of a school for children in grade 12
5 | or lower or a licensed day care center facility.

6 | (b) When the site of the proposed probation and parole
7 | office space is to be located within one-quarter ~~one quarter~~
8 | mile of a ~~school for children in grade 12 or lower, licensed~~
9 | ~~day care center facility,~~ park, playground, nursing home,
10 | convalescent center, hospital, association for disabled
11 | population, mental health center, youth center, group home for
12 | disabled population or youth, or other place where children or
13 | a population especially vulnerable to crime due to age or
14 | physical or mental disability regularly congregates, the
15 | department shall provide written notification to the county or
16 | city administrator in the county or city in which the office
17 | space is to be located simultaneously with the newspaper
18 | publication.

19 | Section 2. Any probation and parole office that does
20 | not comply with the requirements of s. 945.28(2)(a), Florida
21 | Statutes, as amended by this act, on the effective date of
22 | this act shall have until August 1, 2006, or the expiration of
23 | its current lease, whichever is earlier, to be relocated to a
24 | location that complies with s. 945.28(2)(a), Florida Statutes,
25 | as amended by this act.

26 | Section 3. Section 943.1301, Florida Statutes, is
27 | created to read:

28 | 943.1301 Certification of county probation
29 | officers.--At the discretion of the governing body of a
30 | county, the county may require the county's probation officers
31 | to be certified by the commission and the department. The

1 county shall provide certification criteria that shall be
2 substantially similar to the criteria for correctional
3 probation officers established in s. 943.13. The commission
4 and the department shall provide training and certification
5 for such county probation officers consistent with this
6 section and s. 943.13.

7 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.
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