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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to sexual offenders; amending
3	ss. 947.1405 and 948.30, F.S.; prohibiting
4	certain specified sexual offenders whose victim
5	was under the age of 18 from entering a public
б	library without immediately notifying an
7	employee of the public library of the sex
8	offender's presence and intent to use the
9	resources of the library; defining the term
10	"immediately"; prohibiting the sex offender
11	from entering the library until the employee
12	acknowledges the presence of the sex offender;
13	providing that a sex offender who violates the
14	act commits a felony of the third degree;
15	providing criminal penalties; providing an
16	effective date.
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18	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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20	Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of section
21	947.1405, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
22	947.1405 Conditional release program
23	(7)(a) Any inmate who is convicted of a crime
24	committed on or after October 1, 1995, or who has been
25	previously convicted of a crime committed on or after October
26	1, 1995, in violation of chapter 794, s. 800.04, s. 827.071,
27	or s. 847.0145, and is subject to conditional release
28	supervision, shall have, in addition to any other conditions
29	imposed, the following special conditions imposed by the
30	commission:
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1 1. A mandatory curfew from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. The 2 commission may designate another 8-hour period if the offender's employment precludes the above specified time, and 3 such alternative is recommended by the Department of 4 Corrections. If the commission determines that imposing a 5 6 curfew would endanger the victim, the commission may consider 7 alternative sanctions. 2. If the victim was under the age of 18, a 8 prohibition on living within 1,000 feet of a school, day care 9 10 center, park, playground, designated public school bus stop, or other place where children regularly congregate. A releasee 11 12 who is subject to this subparagraph may not relocate to a 13 residence that is within 1,000 feet of a public school bus stop. Beginning October 1, 2004, the commission or the 14 department may not approve a residence that is located within 15 1,000 feet of a school, day care center, park, playground, 16 17 designated school bus stop, or other place where children 18 regularly congregate for any releasee who is subject to this subparagraph. On October 1, 2004, the department shall notify 19 each affected school district of the location of the residence 20 21 of a releasee 30 days prior to release and thereafter, if the 22 releasee relocates to a new residence, shall notify any 23 affected school district of the residence of the releasee within 30 days after relocation. If, on October 1, 2004, any 2.4 public school bus stop is located within 1,000 feet of the 25 existing residence of such releasee, the district school board 26 27 shall relocate that school bus stop. Beginning October 1, 2.8 2004, a district school board may not establish or relocate a public school bus stop within 1,000 feet of the residence of a 29 releasee who is subject to this subparagraph. The failure of 30 the district school board to comply with this subparagraph 31

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1 shall not result in a violation of conditional release 2 supervision. 3 3. Active participation in and successful completion of a sex offender treatment program with qualified 4 practitioners specifically trained to treat sex offenders, at 5 6 the releasee's own expense. If a qualified practitioner is not 7 available within a 50-mile radius of the releasee's residence, 8 the offender shall participate in other appropriate therapy. 9 4. A prohibition on any contact with the victim, directly or indirectly, including through a third person, 10 unless approved by the victim, the offender's therapist, and 11 12 the sentencing court. 13 5. If the victim was under the age of 18, a prohibition against contact with children under the age of 18 14 without review and approval by the commission. The commission 15 may approve supervised contact with a child under the age of 16 17 18 if the approval is based upon a recommendation for contact issued by a qualified practitioner who is basing the 18 recommendation on a risk assessment. Further, the sex offender 19 must be currently enrolled in or have successfully completed a 20 21 sex offender therapy program. The commission may not grant 22 supervised contact with a child if the contact is not 23 recommended by a qualified practitioner and may deny supervised contact with a child at any time. When considering 2.4 whether to approve supervised contact with a child, the 25 commission must review and consider the following: 26 27 a. A risk assessment completed by a qualified 2.8 practitioner. The qualified practitioner must prepare a written report that must include the findings of the 29 assessment and address each of the following components: 30 (I) The sex offender's current legal status; 31

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1 (II) The sex offender's history of adult charges with 2 apparent sexual motivation; 3 (III) The sex offender's history of adult charges without apparent sexual motivation; 4 5 (IV) The sex offender's history of juvenile charges, б whenever available; 7 (V) The sex offender's offender treatment history, 8 including a consultation from the sex offender's treating, or 9 most recent treating, therapist; 10 (VI) The sex offender's current mental status; (VII) The sex offender's mental health and substance 11 12 abuse history as provided by the Department of Corrections; 13 (VIII) The sex offender's personal, social, educational, and work history; 14 (IX) The results of current psychological testing of 15 the sex offender if determined necessary by the qualified 16 17 practitioner; (X) A description of the proposed contact, including 18 the location, frequency, duration, and supervisory 19 arrangement; 20 21 (XI) The child's preference and relative comfort level 22 with the proposed contact, when age-appropriate; 23 (XII) The parent's or legal quardian's preference regarding the proposed contact; and 2.4 (XIII) The qualified practitioner's opinion, along 25 with the basis for that opinion, as to whether the proposed 26 27 contact would likely pose significant risk of emotional or 2.8 physical harm to the child. 29 30 The written report of the assessment must be given to the commission. 31

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1 b. A recommendation made as a part of the 2 risk-assessment report as to whether supervised contact with the child should be approved; 3 c. A written consent signed by the child's parent or 4 legal quardian, if the parent or legal quardian is not the sex 5 6 offender, agreeing to the sex offender having supervised 7 contact with the child after receiving full disclosure of the 8 sex offender's present legal status, past criminal history, and the results of the risk assessment. The commission may not 9 approve contact with the child if the parent or legal guardian 10 refuses to give written consent for supervised contact; 11 12 d. A safety plan prepared by the qualified 13 practitioner, who provides treatment to the offender, in collaboration with the sex offender, the child's parent or 14 legal guardian, and the child, when age appropriate, which 15 details the acceptable conditions of contact between the sex 16 17 offender and the child. The safety plan must be reviewed and approved by the Department of Corrections before being 18 submitted to the commission; and 19 e. Evidence that the child's parent or legal guardian, 20 21 if the parent or legal guardian is not the sex offender, 22 understands the need for and agrees to the safety plan and has 23 agreed to provide, or to designate another adult to provide, constant supervision any time the child is in contact with the 2.4 offender. 25 26 27 The commission may not appoint a person to conduct a risk 2.8 assessment and may not accept a risk assessment from a person 29 who has not demonstrated to the commission that he or she has met the requirements of a qualified practitioner as defined in 30 this section. 31

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1	6. If the victim was under age 18, a prohibition on
2	working for pay or as a volunteer at any school, day care
3	center, park, playground, <u>pet store, library, zoo, theme park,</u>
4	or other place where children regularly congregate, as
5	prescribed by the commission.
б	7. If the victim was under the age of 18, a
7	prohibition against entering a public library without
8	immediately notifying an employee of the library of the sex
9	offender's presence and intent to use the resources of the
10	library. As used in this subparagraph, the term "immediately"
11	means moving from the entrance of the public library in a
12	straight line to the nearest work station occupied by an
13	employee of the public library. The sex offender may not move
14	from that work station until the employee acknowledges the
15	presence of the sex offender. Any sex offender who violates
16	this subparagraph commits a felony of the third degree,
17	punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s.
18	775.084.
19	<u>8.7.</u> Unless otherwise indicated in the treatment plan
20	provided by the sexual offender treatment program, a
21	prohibition on viewing, owning, or possessing any obscene,
22	pornographic, or sexually stimulating visual or auditory
23	material, including telephone, electronic media, computer
24	programs, or computer services that are relevant to the
25	offender's deviant behavior pattern.
26	<u>9.8.</u> Effective for a releasee whose crime is committed
27	on or after July 1, 2005, a prohibition on accessing the
28	Internet or other computer services until the offender's sex
29	offender treatment program, after a risk assessment is
30	completed, approves and implements a safety plan for the
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1 offender's accessing or using the Internet or other computer 2 services. 3 10.9. A requirement that the releasee must submit two specimens of blood to the Florida Department of Law 4 Enforcement to be registered with the DNA database. 5 6 11.10. A requirement that the releasee make 7 restitution to the victim, as determined by the sentencing 8 court or the commission, for all necessary medical and related professional services relating to physical, psychiatric, and 9 psychological care. 10 12.11. Submission to a warrantless search by the 11 12 community control or probation officer of the probationer's or 13 community controllee's person, residence, or vehicle. Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 948.30, Florida 14 Statutes, is amended to read: 15 948.30 Additional terms and conditions of probation or 16 17 community control for certain sex offenses. -- Conditions 18 imposed pursuant to this section do not require oral pronouncement at the time of sentencing and shall be 19 considered standard conditions of probation or community 20 21 control for offenders specified in this section. 22 (1) Effective for probationers or community 23 controllees whose crime was committed on or after October 1, 1995, and who are placed under supervision for violation of 2.4 chapter 794, s. 800.04, s. 827.071, or s. 847.0145, the court 25 26 must impose the following conditions in addition to all other 27 standard and special conditions imposed: 2.8 (a) A mandatory curfew from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. The court may designate another 8-hour period if the offender's 29 employment precludes the above specified time, and the 30 alternative is recommended by the Department of Corrections. 31

1 If the court determines that imposing a curfew would endanger 2 the victim, the court may consider alternative sanctions. (b) If the victim was under the age of 18, a 3 4 prohibition on living within 1,000 feet of a school, day care center, park, playground, or other place where children 5 6 regularly congregate, as prescribed by the court. The 7 1,000-foot distance shall be measured in a straight line from 8 the offender's place of residence to the nearest boundary line 9 of the school, day care center, park, playground, or other place where children congregate. The distance may not be 10 measured by a pedestrian route or automobile route. 11 12 (c) Active participation in and successful completion 13 of a sex offender treatment program with qualified practitioners specifically trained to treat sex offenders, at 14 the probationer's or community controllee's own expense. If a 15 qualified practitioner is not available within a 50-mile 16 17 radius of the probationer's or community controllee's 18 residence, the offender shall participate in other appropriate therapy. 19 20 (d) A prohibition on any contact with the victim, 21 directly or indirectly, including through a third person, 22 unless approved by the victim, the offender's therapist, and 23 the sentencing court. (e) If the victim was under the age of 18, a 2.4 prohibition on contact with a child under the age of 18 except 25 as provided in this paragraph. The court may approve 26 27 supervised contact with a child under the age of 18 if the 2.8 approval is based upon a recommendation for contact issued by 29 a qualified practitioner who is basing the recommendation on a risk assessment. Further, the sex offender must be currently 30 enrolled in or have successfully completed a sex offender 31

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therapy program. The court may not grant supervised contact with a child if the contact is not recommended by a qualified practitioner and may deny supervised contact with a child at any time. When considering whether to approve supervised contact with a child, the court must review and consider the following: 1. A risk assessment completed by a qualified practitioner. The qualified practitioner must prepare a written report that must include the findings of the assessment and address each of the following components: a. The sex offender's current legal status; b. The sex offender's history of adult charges with apparent sexual motivation; c. The sex offender's history of adult charges without apparent sexual motivation; d. The sex offender's history of juvenile charges, whenever available; e. The sex offender's offender treatment history, including consultations with the sex offender's treating, or most recent treating, therapist; f. The sex offender's current mental status; q. The sex offender's mental health and substance abuse treatment history as provided by the Department of Corrections; h. The sex offender's personal, social, educational, and work history; i. The results of current psychological testing of the sex offender if determined necessary by the qualified practitioner;

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1 j. A description of the proposed contact, including 2 the location, frequency, duration, and supervisory 3 arrangement; k. The child's preference and relative comfort level 4 5 with the proposed contact, when age appropriate; 6 1. The parent's or legal guardian's preference 7 regarding the proposed contact; and 8 m. The qualified practitioner's opinion, along with 9 the basis for that opinion, as to whether the proposed contact would likely pose significant risk of emotional or physical 10 harm to the child. 11 12 13 The written report of the assessment must be given to the 14 court; 2. A recommendation made as a part of the risk 15 assessment report as to whether supervised contact with the 16 17 child should be approved; 3. A written consent signed by the child's parent or 18 legal guardian, if the parent or legal guardian is not the sex 19 offender, agreeing to the sex offender having supervised 20 21 contact with the child after receiving full disclosure of the 22 sex offender's present legal status, past criminal history, 23 and the results of the risk assessment. The court may not approve contact with the child if the parent or legal guardian 2.4 refuses to give written consent for supervised contact; 25 4. A safety plan prepared by the qualified 26 27 practitioner, who provides treatment to the offender, in 2.8 collaboration with the sex offender, the child's parent or 29 legal guardian, if the parent or legal guardian is not the sex offender, and the child, when age appropriate, which details 30 the acceptable conditions of contact between the sex offender 31

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1 and the child. The safety plan must be reviewed and approved 2 by the court; and 3 5. Evidence that the child's parent or legal guardian 4 understands the need for and agrees to the safety plan and has 5 agreed to provide, or to designate another adult to provide, 6 constant supervision any time the child is in contact with the 7 offender. 8 The court may not appoint a person to conduct a risk 9 10 assessment and may not accept a risk assessment from a person who has not demonstrated to the court that he or she has met 11 12 the requirements of a qualified practitioner as defined in 13 this section. (f) If the victim was under age 18, a prohibition on 14 working for pay or as a volunteer at any place where children 15 16 regularly congregate, including, but not limited to, schools, 17 day care centers, parks, playgrounds, pet stores, libraries, 18 zoos, theme parks, and malls. 19 (g) If the victim was under the age of 18, a prohibition against entering a public library without 20 21 immediately notifying an employee of the library of the sex 22 offender's presence and intent to use the resources of the 23 library. As used in this paragraph, the term "immediately" means moving from the entrance of the public library in a 2.4 straight line to the nearest work station occupied by an 25 employee of the public library. The sex offender may not move 26 27 from that work station until the employee acknowledges the 2.8 presence of the sex offender. Any sex offender who violates this paragraph commits a felony of the third degree, 29 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 30 775.084. 31

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1	<u>(h)(g)</u> Unless otherwise indicated in the treatment
2	plan provided by the sexual offender treatment program, a
3	prohibition on viewing, accessing, owning, or possessing any
4	obscene, pornographic, or sexually stimulating visual or
5	auditory material, including telephone, electronic media,
б	computer programs, or computer services that are relevant to
7	the offender's deviant behavior pattern.
8	<u>(i)(h)</u> Effective for probationers and community
9	controllees whose crime is committed on or after July 1, 2005,
10	a prohibition on accessing the Internet or other computer
11	services until the offender's sex offender treatment program,
12	after a risk assessment is completed, approves and implements
13	a safety plan for the offender's accessing or using the
14	Internet or other computer services.
15	(j) (i) A requirement that the probationer or community
16	controllee must submit a specimen of blood or other approved
17	biological specimen to the Department of Law Enforcement to be
18	registered with the DNA data bank.
19	(k)(j) A requirement that the probationer or community
20	controllee make restitution to the victim, as ordered by the
21	court under s. 775.089, for all necessary medical and related
22	professional services relating to physical, psychiatric, and
23	psychological care.
24	(1)(k) Submission to a warrantless search by the
25	community control or probation officer of the probationer's or
26	community controllee's person, residence, or vehicle.
27	Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.
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2	SENATE SUMMARY
3	Prohibits certain specified sexual offenders whose victim was under the age of 18 from entering a public library
4	without immediately notifying an employee of the public library of the sex offender's presence and intent to use
5	the resources of the library. Defines the term "immediately." Prohibits the sex offender from entering
6	the library until the employee acknowledges the presence of the sex offender. Provides that a sex offender who
7	violates the act commits a felony of the third degree. Provides criminal penalties.
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