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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to driving under the influence; creating s. 316.19345, F.S.; requiring that a defendant charged with driving under the influence be held in custody until a first appearance hearing; requiring specified investigation prior to and presentation of findings at such a hearing; specifying factors to be considered in determining whether to grant pretrial release; prohibiting release of a defendant after a first appearance hearing until specified conditions are met; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 316.19345, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

316.19345 Driving under the influence; custody; first appearance; pretrial release.--

(1) When a defendant is arrested for any charge of driving under the influence, he or she shall be held in custody until brought before the court for admittance to pretrial release in accordance with chapter 903.

(2) Prior to a defendant's first appearance for any charge of driving under the influence, the state attorney's office shall perform a thorough investigation of the defendant's criminal history, including, but not limited to, prior arrests for criminal traffic offenses. This information shall be presented at first appearance for consideration by the court

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- (3) A defendant who is arrested for driving under the influence shall not be released from custody after his or her first appearance until:
- (a) At least 8 hours have elapsed from the time that he or she was arrested; or
  - (b) He or she:

- 1. Is no longer under the influence of alcoholic beverages, any chemical substance set forth in s. 877.111, or any substance controlled under chapter 893 and affected to the extent that his or her normal faculties are impaired; or
- 2. Has a blood-alcohol level or breath-alcohol level less than 0.05 and was alleged to have been driving under the influence of alcoholic beverages.
  - Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.