

By Senator Fasano

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to law enforcement officers;
3 amending s. 112.532, F.S.; requiring that all
4 identifiable witnesses be interviewed, whenever
5 possible, before beginning an investigative
6 interview of an accused law enforcement
7 officer; requiring that the complaint and all
8 witness statements be given to the law
9 enforcement officer before beginning an
10 investigative interview; providing an effective
11 date.

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

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15 Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section
16 112.532, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

17 112.532 Law enforcement officers' and correctional
18 officers' rights.--All law enforcement officers and
19 correctional officers employed by or appointed to a law
20 enforcement agency or a correctional agency shall have the
21 following rights and privileges:

22 (1) RIGHTS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND
23 CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS WHILE UNDER INVESTIGATION.--Whenever a
24 law enforcement officer or correctional officer is under
25 investigation and subject to interrogation by members of his
26 or her agency for any reason which could lead to disciplinary
27 action, demotion, or dismissal, such interrogation shall be
28 conducted under the following conditions:

29 (d) The law enforcement officer or correctional
30 officer under investigation shall be informed of the nature of
31 the investigation before ~~prior to~~ any interrogation, and he or

1 she shall be informed of the names ~~name~~ of all complainants.
2 All identifiable witnesses shall be interviewed, whenever
3 possible, before the beginning of the investigative interview
4 of the accused officer. The complaint and all witness
5 statements must be given to the officer who is the subject of
6 the complaint before the beginning of any investigative
7 interview.

8 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

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11 SENATE SUMMARY

12 Requires that all identifiable witnesses be interviewed,
13 whenever possible, before beginning an investigative
14 interview of an accused law enforcement officer. Requires
15 that the complaint and all witness statements be given to
16 the law enforcement officer before beginning an
17 investigative interview.
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