1   A bill to be entitled

2   An act relating to orders of no contact; amending s.

3   921.244, F.S.; requiring that offenders convicted of

4   specified violent offenses be prohibited from having any

5   contact with the victim; providing penalties; providing

6   that the penalty for violation of such an order run

7   consecutive to the sentence for the original violation;

8   providing an effective date.

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

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12   Section 1. Section 921.244, Florida Statutes, is amended

13   to read:

14   921.244 Order of no contact; penalties.--

15   (1) At the time of sentencing an offender convicted of a

16   violation of s. 794.011 or s. 800.04 or any offense in s.

17   775.084(1)(b)1.a.-o., the court shall order that the offender be

18   prohibited from having any contact with the victim, directly or

19   indirectly, including through a third person, for the duration

20   of the sentence imposed. The court may reconsider the order upon

21   the request of the victim if the request is made at any time

22   after the victim has attained 18 years of age. In considering

23   the request, the court shall conduct an evidentiary hearing to

24   determine whether a change of circumstances has occurred which

25   warrants a change in the court order prohibiting contact and

26   whether it is in the best interest of the victim that the court

27   order be modified or rescinded.

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28   (2) Any offender who violates a court order issued under
29 this section commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as
30 provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.
31   (3) The punishment imposed under this section shall run
32 consecutive to any former sentence imposed for a conviction for
33 any offense under s. 794.011 or s. 800.04 <u>or any offense in s.</u>
34 <u>775.084(1)(b)1.a.-o.</u>
35   Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2008.

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