

By Senator Deutch

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to the immigration status of inmates;
3 amending ss. 944.17 and 951.23, F.S.; requiring the
4 Department of Corrections and the administrator of each
5 county or municipal detention facility to train personnel
6 processing inmates in identification of false or
7 fraudulent immigration status documentation and other
8 indicators of illegal presence in the United States;
9 requiring examination of each incoming inmate's
10 immigration status; requiring notification of federal
11 officials whenever it is suspected that an inmate is not
12 in the country legally; providing an effective date.

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

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16 Section 1. Subsection (9) is added to section 944.17,
17 Florida Statutes, to read:

18 944.17 Commitments and classification; transfers.--

19 (9) The department shall train appropriate personnel
20 involved in processing inmates committed to its custody in
21 identification of false or fraudulent immigration status
22 documentation and other indicators of illegal presence in the
23 United States. The department shall examine the immigration
24 status of each person committed to its custody and shall notify
25 appropriate federal officials whenever it suspects that such a
26 person is not legally present in the United States.

27 Section 2. Subsection (11) is added to section 951.23,
28 Florida Statutes, to read:

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29 951.23 County and municipal detention facilities;
30 definitions; administration; standards and requirements.--

31 (11) The administrator of each county or municipal
32 detention facility shall train appropriate personnel involved in
33 processing inmates committed to the custody of that facility in
34 identification of false or fraudulent immigration status
35 documentation and other indicators of illegal presence in the
36 United States. The administrator of each county or municipal
37 detention facility shall examine the immigration status of each
38 person committed to the custody of that facility and shall notify
39 appropriate federal officials whenever it suspects that such a
40 person is not legally present in the United States.

41 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.