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2 An act relating to sexual battery; creating s.
3 794.052, F.S.; requiring each law enforcement officer
4 who investigates an alleged sexual battery incident to
5 assist the victim in obtaining medical treatment if
6 medical treatment is necessary, a forensic
7 examination, and crisis-intervention services from a
8 certified rape crisis center; requiring the law
9 enforcement officer to advise the victim that he or
10 she may contact a certified rape crisis center for
11 services; requiring the law enforcement officer to
12 immediately notify the victim of the legal rights and
13 remedies available to a victim of sexual battery;
14 directing that the notice of rights and remedies be
15 written on a standard notice form developed and
16 distributed by the Florida Council Against Sexual
17 Violence and the Department of Law Enforcement;
18 requiring the notice to include certain information;
19 providing an effective date.
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21 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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23 Section 1. Section 794.052, Florida Statutes, is created to
24 read:

25 794.052 Sexual battery; notification of victim's rights and
26 services.—

27 (1) A law enforcement officer who investigates an alleged
28 sexual battery shall:

29 (a) Assist the victim in obtaining medical treatment, if

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30 medical treatment is necessary as a result of the alleged
31 incident, a forensic examination, and advocacy and crisis-
32 intervention services from a certified rape crisis center.

33 (b) Advise the victim that he or she may contact a
34 certified rape crisis center from which the victim may receive
35 services.

36 (2) The law enforcement officer shall give the victim
37 immediate notice of the legal rights and remedies available to a
38 victim on a standard form developed and distributed by the
39 Florida Council Against Sexual Violence in conjunction with the
40 Department of Law Enforcement. The notice must include the
41 resource listing, including telephone number, for the area
42 certified rape crisis center as designated by the Florida
43 Council Against Sexual Violence.

44 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.