

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to career offenders; amending s. 775.261,
 3 F.S.; prohibiting specified acts done with intent to
 4 assist a career offender in eluding a law enforcement
 5 agency that is seeking to find the career offender to
 6 question the career offender about, or to arrest the
 7 career offender for, his or her noncompliance; providing
 8 penalties; 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. Subsection (10) is added to section 775.261,
 13 Florida Statutes, to read:

14 775.261 The Florida Career Offender Registration Act.--
 15 (10) ASSISTING IN NONCOMPLIANCE.--Any person who has
 16 reason to believe that a career offender is not complying, or
 17 has not complied, with the requirements of this section and who,
 18 with the intent to assist the career offender in eluding a law
 19 enforcement agency that is seeking to find the career offender
 20 to question the career offender about, or to arrest the career
 21 offender for, his or her noncompliance with the requirements of
 22 this section:

23 (a) Withholds information from, or does not notify, the
 24 law enforcement agency about the career offender's noncompliance
 25 with the requirements of this section, and, if known, the
 26 whereabouts of the career offender;

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27 (b) Harbors or attempts to harbor, or assists another
28 person in harboring or attempting to harbor, the career
29 offender;

30 (c) Conceals or attempts to conceal, or assists another
31 person in concealing or attempting to conceal, the career
32 offender; or

33 (d) Provides information to the law enforcement agency
34 regarding the career offender that the person knows to be false
35 information,

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37 commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in
38 s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

39 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2009.