

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 that such provisions are inapplicable
 9 to career offenders incarcerated in or in the custody of
 10 specified facilities; providing an effective date.

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

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 14 Section 1. Subsection (10) is added to section 775.261,
 15 Florida Statutes, to read:

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

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

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

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

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

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39 commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in
40 s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. This subsection does not
41 apply if the career offender is incarcerated in or is in the
42 custody of a state correctional facility, a private correctional
43 facility, a local jail, or a federal correctional facility.

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