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 ${f FOR}$  CONSIDERATION  ${f By}$  the Committee on Military Affairs and Domestic Security

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A bill to be entitled An act relating to seaport security; amending s. 311.12, F.S.; revising provisions relating to seaport security; authorizing the Department of Law Enforcement to exempt all or part of a port from certain security requirements; adding the department to those entities responsible for allocating funds for security projects; providing criteria for determining eligibility to enter restricted access areas; establishing a statewide access eligibility reporting system within the department; deleting the requirement that seaports promptly notify the department of any changes in access levels; specifying that costs for the department's access reporting system may be charged and paid by the seaport, other employing entity, or person screened; providing additional criminal offenses that disqualify a person from employment by or access to a seaport; deleting the requirement that the department notify the port authority that denied employment of the final disposition of a waiver request from background screening requirements; allowing, rather than requiring, certain applications for a waiver from security requirements to be submitted to the Domestic Security Council for review; requiring a copy of the department's legislative report to be provided to each seaport governing body or authority; repealing s. 311.111, F.S., relating to unrestricted and restricted public access areas and secured restricted access

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areas; repealing s. 311.125, F.S., relating to the Uniform Port Access Credential System and the Uniform Port Access Credential Card; amending ss. 311.124, 311.13, 943.0585, and 943.059, F.S.; conforming terms and cross-references; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Section 311.12, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

(Substantial rewording of section. See s. 311.12, F.S., for present text.)

311.12 Seaport security.—

(1) SECURITY STANDARDS.—

- (a) The statewide minimum standards for seaport security applicable to seaports listed in s. 311.09 shall be those based on the Florida Seaport Security Assessment 2000 and set forth in the Port Security Standards Compliance Plan delivered to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate on December 11, 2000. The Office of Drug Control within the Executive Office of the Governor shall maintain a sufficient number of copies of the standards for public use at its offices, and shall provide copies to each affected seaport upon request.
- (b) A seaport may implement security measures that are more stringent, more extensive, or supplemental to the minimum security standards established by this subsection, except that for purposes of qualifying for employment and access to restricted access areas, a seaport must meet but may not exceed the disqualifying offenses provided in paragraph (6)(d).

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(2) EXEMPTION.—The Department of Law Enforcement may exempt all or part of a seaport listed in s. 311.09 from the requirements of this section if the department determines that activity associated with the use of the seaport or part of the seaport is not vulnerable to criminal activity or terrorism. The department shall periodically review such exemptions to determine if there is a change in use. Such change may warrant removal of all or part of the exemption.

- (3) SECURITY PLAN.—Each seaport listed in s. 311.09 shall adopt and maintain a security plan specific to that seaport which provides for a secure seaport infrastructure that promotes the safety and security of state residents and visitors and the flow of legitimate trade and travel.
- (a) Beginning January 1, 2007, and every 5 years
  thereafter, each seaport director, with the assistance of the
  Regional Domestic Security Task Force and in conjunction with
  the United States Coast Guard, shall revise the seaport's
  security plan based on the director's ongoing assessment of
  security risks, the risks of terrorist activities, and the
  specific and identifiable needs of the seaport for ensuring that
  the seaport is in substantial compliance with the minimum
  security standards established under subsection (1).
- (b) Each adopted or revised security plan must be reviewed and approved by the Office of Drug Control and the Department of Law Enforcement for compliance with federal facility security assessment requirements under 33 C.F.R. s. 105.305 and the minimum security standards established under subsection (1). Within 30 days after completion, a copy of the written review shall be delivered to the United States Coast Guard, the

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Regional Domestic Security Task Force, and the Domestic Security Oversight Council.

- (c) If funds are appropriated for seaport security, the
  Office of Drug Control, the Department of Law Enforcement, and
  the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development
  Council shall mutually determine the allocation of such funds
  for security project needs identified in the approved seaport
  security plans. Any seaport that receives state funds for
  security projects must enter into a joint participation
  agreement with the appropriate state entity and use the seaport
  security plan as the basis for the agreement.
- 1. If funds are made available over more than 1 fiscal year, the agreement must reflect the entire scope of the project approved in the security plan and, as practicable, allow for reimbursement for authorized projects over more than 1 year.
- 2. The agreement may include specific timeframes for completion of a security project and the applicable funding reimbursement dates. The agreement may also require a contractual penalty of up to \$1,000 per day to be imposed for failure to meet project completion dates if state funding is available. Any such penalty shall be deposited into the State Transportation Trust Fund and used for seaport security operations and capital improvements.
- (4) RESTRICTED ACCESS AREAS.—Each seaport listed in s.

  311.09 must clearly designate in seaport security plans, and clearly identify with appropriate signs and markers on the premises of a seaport, all restricted access areas, access eligibility requirements, and corresponding security enforcement authorizations, which may include, but not be limited to, clear

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notice of the prohibition against possession of concealed weapons and other contraband material on the premises of the seaport, as provided in paragraph (e).

- (a) The seaport's security plan must set forth the conditions and restrictions to be imposed on persons employed at, doing business at, or visiting the seaport relating to restricted access areas that are sufficient to provide substantial compliance with the minimum security standards established in subsection (1).
- (b) Seaport employees and other persons working at the seaport who have regular access to such areas, visitors who have business with the seaport, and cruise ship passengers holding valid boarding documents have express permission to enter a restricted access area.
- 1. Seaport employees or other persons working at the seaport are considered to have "regular access" if they enter a restricted area more than five times in a 90-day period.
- 2. A person who enters a restricted access area five times or less in a 90-day period is considered a "visitor." Upon arrival at a restricted access area, a visitor must, at a minimum, stop at a check point, show valid identification, and receive a visitor's pass before proceeding. The visitor's pass must be plainly displayed on the person of the visitor or in the windshield of the vehicle, and designate which area of the seaport may be accessed by the visitor. Failure to display the visitor's pass shall result in revocation of permission to work at the seaport. Public conveyances, such as buses carrying passengers into restricted access areas, must be able to verify that all passengers have legitimate business at the seaport.

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Procedures for implementation of this requirement are the responsibility of each seaport.

- 3. Cruise ship passengers are those persons scheduled for immediate departure who have permission to board a ship that is in port. Upon arrival at a restricted access area, cruise ship passengers must, at a minimum, stop at a check point and show valid identification and boarding documents.
- 4. Any person found in these areas without the proper permission is subject to the trespass provisions of ss. 810.08 and 810.09.
- 5. All persons and objects in these areas are subject to search by a sworn state-certified law enforcement officer, a Class D seaport security officer certified under Maritime Transportation Security Act guidelines and s. 311.121, or an employee of the seaport security force certified under the Maritime Transportation Security Act guidelines and s. 311.121.
- designated by the United States Department of Homeland Security or the Department of Law Enforcement, or during an emergency declared at a port by the seaport security director due to events applicable to that particular seaport, the management or controlling authority of the port may temporarily designate any part of the seaport property as a restricted access area. The duration of such designation is limited to the period in which the high terrorist threat level is in effect or a port emergency exists.
- (d) As determined by the seaport director's most current risk assessment report under paragraph (3)(a), any restricted access area that has a potential human occupancy of 50 persons

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or more, any cruise terminal, or any business operation that is adjacent to a public access area must be protected from the most probable and creditable terrorist threat to human life.

- (e) Any person in a restricted access area who has in his or her possession a concealed weapon, or who operates or has possession or control of a vehicle in or upon which a concealed weapon is placed or stored, commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. This paragraph does not apply to active-duty certified federal or state law enforcement personnel or persons so designated by the seaport director in writing.
  - (5) ACCESS ELIGIBILITY REPORTING SYSTEM.—
- (a) The Department of Law Enforcement shall administer a statewide seaport access eligibility reporting system. The system must, at a minimum, consist of:
- 1. A centralized, secure database for collecting and maintaining fingerprints and other biometric means of identity, and any other identifying information of persons employed by or doing business at a state seaport;
- 2. A methodology for receiving data from each seaport and transmitting data to each seaport regarding access eligibility; and
- 3. The ability to identify persons who have violated the requirements of this subsection and to deactivate the access eligibility of such persons.
- (b) Each seaport listed in s. 311.09 is responsible for granting, modifying, restricting, or denying access to restricted access areas to seaport employees, other persons working at the seaport, visitors who have business with the

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seaport, or other persons regularly appearing at the seaport.

Each seaport is responsible for access eligibility verification at its location.

- (c) Each person working at a seaport is eligible to enter a seaport participating in the access eligibility reporting system based on the level of permission allowed by each respective seaport.
- (d) A criminal history check must be performed on employee applicants, current employees, and other persons working within or authorized to regularly enter a restricted access area in accordance with subsection (6). Based upon the criminal history check, each seaport may determine the specific access eligibility that shall be granted to that person.
- (e) Persons, corporations, or other business entities that employ persons to work or do business at seaports shall notify the seaport of the termination, resignation, work-related incapacitation, or death of an employee who has access permission.
- 1. If the seaport determines that the person has been employed by another appropriate entity or is self-employed for purposes of performing work at the seaport, the seaport may reinstate the person's access eligibility.
- 2. A business entity's failure to report a change in an employee's work status within 7 days after that change may result in revocation of the business entity's access to the seaport.
  - (6) CRIMINAL HISTORY SCREENING.-
- (a) In addition to other requirements for employment or access established by each seaport in its seaport security plan,

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the plan must identify the criminal offenses listed in paragraph (d) which disqualify a person from seaport employment or regular access to restricted access areas of the seaport. A fingerprint-based criminal history check shall be performed on employee applicants, current employees, and other persons working within or authorized to regularly enter a restricted access area, or the entire seaport if the seaport security plan does not designate one or more restricted access areas.

- 1. Such checks must be performed at least once every 5 years, or at more frequent intervals as provided by the seaport security plan.
- 2. Each individual who is subject to a criminal history check shall file a complete set of fingerprints taken in a manner required by the Department of Law Enforcement and the seaport security plan. Fingerprints shall be submitted to the Department of Law Enforcement for state processing and forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for federal processing. The results of each fingerprint-based check must be reported to the requesting seaport and may be shared among seaports.
- (b) A Florida Crime Information Center name-based criminal history clearance must be performed at least once a year, and may be performed on more frequently a random basis more frequently, to ensure that persons screened under paragraph (a) continue to meet the screening requirements for restricted access areas. Failure to comply with the criminal history clearances is grounds for immediate denial of access. In addition to access permissions granted or denied by seaports, access eligibility may be restricted or revoked by the Department of Law Enforcement if the person is suspected of

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terrorism or criminal violations that could affect the security of a port or otherwise render the person ineligible for seaport access.

- (c) The cost of the criminal history checks, including the cost of the initial state and federal fingerprint-based check, the annual name-based criminal history clearance, and the use of the Department of Law Enforcement's statewide access eligibility reporting system shall be paid by the seaport, another employing entity, or the person screened to the department or to the seaport, if it is acting as an agent of the department for purposes of collecting the remittance. A seaport may charge an additional administrative fee to cover the costs of participating in the access eligibility reporting system under subsection (5).
- (d) Any person who has been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, any of the following offenses is disqualified from employment or unescorted access unless, after release from incarceration or any supervision imposed as a result of sentencing, the person has remained free from a subsequent conviction, regardless of adjudication, of the following listed offenses for at least 7 years before the employment or access date under consideration:
  - 1. An act of terrorism as defined in s. 775.30.
- 2. A violation involving a weapon of mass destruction or hoax weapon of mass destruction as provided in s. 790.166.
  - 3. Planting of a hoax bomb as provided in s. 790.165.
  - 4. A violation of s. 876.02 or 876.36.
  - 5. A violation of s. 860.065.
  - 6. Trafficking as provided in s. 893.135.

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- 7. Racketeering activity as provided in s. 895.03.
- 8. Dealing in stolen property as provided in s. 812.019.
  - 9. Money laundering as provided in s. 896.101.
- 294 <u>10. Criminal use of personal identification as provided in</u> 295 s. 817.568.
  - 11. Bribery as provided in s. 838.015.
  - 12. A violation of s. 316.302 relating to the transport of hazardous materials.
    - 13. A forcible felony as defined in s. 776.08.
    - 14. A violation of s. 790.07.
  - 15. Any crime which includes the use or possession of a weapon or firearm.
    - 16. A felony violation for theft as provided in s. 812.014.
    - 17. Robbery as provided in s. 812.13.
    - 18. Burglary as provided in s. 810.02.
  - 19. Any violation involving the sale, manufacture, delivery, or possession with intent to sell, manufacture, or deliver a controlled substance.
  - 20. Any offense under the laws of another jurisdiction that is similar to an offense in this list.
  - 21. Conspiracy or attempt to commit any of the listed offenses.
  - (e) The Department of Law Enforcement shall establish a waiver process for an individual who is found to be unqualified under paragraph (d) and denied employment by a seaport or unescorted access to restricted access areas.
  - 1. Consideration for a waiver shall be based on the circumstances of any disqualifying act or offense, restitution made by the individual, and other factors from which it may be

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determined that the individual does not pose a risk of engaging in any act within the public seaports regulated under this chapter which poses a risk to or threatens the security of the seaport and the public's health, safety, or welfare.

- 2. The waiver process begins when an individual who has been denied initial employment within or unescorted access to restricted areas of a public seaport submits an application for a waiver and a notarized letter or affidavit from the individual's employer or union representative which states the mitigating reasons for initiating the waiver process.
- 3. Within 90 days after receipt of the application, the administrative staff of the Parole Commission shall conduct a factual review of the waiver application. Findings of fact shall be transmitted to the department for review. The department shall make a copy of those findings available to the applicant before final disposition of the waiver request.
- 4. The department shall make a final disposition of the waiver request based on the factual findings of the investigation by the Parole Commission. The department shall notify the waiver applicant of the final disposition of the waiver.
- $\underline{\text{5. The review process under this paragraph is exempt from}}$  chapter 120.
- 6. By October 1 of each year, each seaport shall report to the department each instance of denial of employment within, or access to, restricted areas, and each instance waiving an appeal of a denial occurring during the last 12 months. The report must include the identity of the individual affected, the factors supporting the denial or waiver, and any other material factors

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- (f) In addition to the waiver procedure established by the Department of Law Enforcement under paragraph (e), each seaport security plan may establish a procedure to appeal a denial of employment or access based upon procedural inaccuracies or discrepancies regarding criminal history factors established pursuant to this subsection.
- (g) Each seaport may allow immediate waivers on a temporary basis to meet special or emergency needs of the seaport or its users. Policies, procedures, and criteria for implementation of this provision must be included in the seaport security plan.

  All waivers granted by the seaports pursuant to this paragraph must be reported to the department within 30 days after issuance.
- Control and the Department of Law Enforcement may modify or waive any physical facility requirement or other requirement contained in the minimum security standards upon a determination that the purposes of the standards have been reasonably met or exceeded by the seaport requesting the modification or waiver.

  An alternate means of compliance must not diminish the safety or security of the seaport and must be verified through an extensive risk analysis conducted by the seaport director.
- (a) Waiver requests shall be submitted in writing, along with supporting documentation, to the Office of Drug Control and the Department of Law Enforcement. The office and the department have 90 days to jointly grant or reject the waiver, in whole or in part.
  - (b) The seaport may submit any waivers that are not granted

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or are jointly rejected to the Domestic Security Oversight

Council for review within 90 days. The council shall recommend
that the Office of Drug Control and the Department of Law

Enforcement grant the waiver or reject the waiver, in whole or
in part. The office and the department shall give great weight
to the council's recommendations.

- (c) A request seeking a waiver from the seaport law enforcement personnel standards established under s. 311.122(3) may not be granted for percentages below 10 percent.
- (d) Any modifications or waivers granted under this subsection shall be noted in the annual report submitted by the Department of Law Enforcement pursuant to subsection (9).
- (8) INSPECTIONS.—It is the intent of the Legislature that the state's seaports adhere to security practices that are consistent with the risks assigned to each seaport through the ongoing risk assessment process established in paragraph (3)(a).
- (a) The Department of Law Enforcement, or any entity designated by the department, shall conduct at least one annual unannounced inspection of each seaport to determine whether the seaport is meeting the minimum security standards established pursuant to subsection (1), and to identify seaport security changes or improvements needed or otherwise recommended.
- (b) The Department of Law Enforcement, or any entity designated by the department, may conduct additional announced or unannounced inspections or operations within or affecting any seaport to test compliance with, or the effectiveness of, security plans and operations at each seaport, to determine compliance with physical facility requirements and standards, or to assist the department in identifying changes or improvements

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needed to bring a seaport into compliance with minimum security standards.

- (c) Within 30 days after completing the inspection report, the department shall submit a copy of the report to the Domestic Security Oversight Council.
- (d) A seaport may request that the Domestic Security
  Oversight Council review the findings in the department's report
  as they relate to the requirements of this section. The council
  may review only those findings that are in dispute by the
  seaport. In reviewing the disputed findings, the council may
  concur in the findings of the department or the seaport, or may
  recommend corrective action to the seaport. The department and
  the seaport shall give great weight to the council's findings
  and recommendations.
- (e) The seaport director shall immediately implement any security changes or improvements needed or recommended in the report or, if the director requested a review by Domestic Security Oversight Council pursuant to paragraph (d), immediately following the conclusion of that review.
- (f) All seaports shall allow the Department of Law Enforcement, or entity designated by the department, unimpeded access to affected areas and facilities for the purpose of plan or compliance inspections or other operations authorized by this section.
  - (9) LEGISLATIVE REPORT.
- (a) The Department of Law Enforcement, in consultation with the Office of Drug Control, shall annually complete a report indicating the observations and findings of all reviews, inspections, or other operations relating to the seaports

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conducted during the year and any recommendations resulting from such reviews, inspections, and operations. A copy of the report shall be provided to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the governing body of each seaport or seaport authority, and each seaport director. The report must include each director's responses indicating what actions, if any, have been taken or are planned to be taken pursuant to the observations, findings, and recommendations reported by the department.

- (b) In making security project or other funding decisions applicable to each seaport listed in s. 311.09, the Legislature may consider the Department of Law Enforcement's annual report as authoritative, especially regarding each seaport's degree of substantial compliance with the minimum security standards established in subsection (1).
- (c) The Legislature shall regularly review the ongoing costs of operational security on seaports, the impacts of this section on those costs, mitigating factors that may reduce costs without reducing security, and the methods by which seaports may implement operational security using a combination of sworn law enforcement officers and private security services.
- (d) Subject to the provisions of this chapter and appropriations made for seaport security, state funds may not be expended for security costs without certification of need for such expenditures by the Office of Ports Administrator within the Department of Law Enforcement.
- (10) SEAPORT SECURITY STANDARDS ADVISORY COUNCIL.—The

  Seaport Security Standards Advisory Council is created under the

  Office of Drug Control. The council shall serve as an advisory

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council as provided in s. 20.03(7).

- (a) The members of the council shall be appointed by the Governor and consist of the following:
  - 1. Two seaport directors.
  - 2. Two seaport security directors.
  - 3. One designee from the Department of Law Enforcement.
- $\underline{\text{4. One designee from the Office of Motor Carrier Compliance}}$  of the Department of Transportation.
  - 5. One designee from the Attorney General's Office.
- <u>6. One designee from the Department of Agriculture and</u> Consumer Services.
- 7. One designee from the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development.
  - 8. One designee from the Office of Drug Control.
- (b) In addition to the members designated in paragraph (a), the council may invite a representative of the United States

  Coast Guard to attend and participate in council meetings as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the council.
- (c) Members of the council shall be appointed to 4-year terms. A vacancy shall be filled by the original appointing authority for the balance of the unexpired term.
- (d) The council shall be chaired by a designee from the Office of Drug Control.
- (e) Commencing on January 15, 2007, and at least every 4 years thereafter, the Office of Drug Control shall convene the council to review the minimum security standards for applicability to and effectiveness in combating current narcotics and terrorism threats to the state's seaports. All sources of information allowed by law shall be used in assessing

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the applicability and effectiveness of the standards.

- (f) Council members shall serve without pay; however, per diem and travel allowances may be claimed for attendance at officially called meetings as provided by s. 112.061.
- (g) The council shall consult with the appropriate area maritime security committees to assess possible impacts to commerce and trade contained in the council's nonclassified recommendations and findings.
- (h) The recommendations and findings of the council shall be transmitted to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate.
- Section 2. <u>Sections 311.111 and 311.125</u>, Florida Statutes, are repealed.
- Section 3. Section 311.123, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 311.123 Maritime domain security awareness training program.—
- (1) The Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Council, in conjunction with the Department of Law Enforcement and the Office of Drug Control within the Executive Office of the Governor, shall create a maritime domain security awareness training program to instruct all personnel employed within a seaport's boundaries about the security procedures required of them for implementation of the seaport security plan required under s. 311.12(3).
- (2) The training program curriculum must include security training required pursuant to 33 C.F.R. part 105 and must be designed to enable the seaports in this state to meet the training, drill, and exercise requirements of 33 C.F.R. part 105

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and individual seaport security plans and to <u>otherwise</u> comply with the requirements of s. 311.12 <del>relating to security</del> <del>awareness</del>.

Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 311.124, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

311.124 Trespassing; detention by a certified seaport security officer.—

(1) Any Class D or Class G seaport security officer certified under the Maritime Transportation Security Act guidelines and s. 311.121 or any employee of the seaport security force certified under the Maritime Transportation Security Act guidelines and s. 311.121 who has probable cause to believe that a person is trespassing pursuant to the provisions of s. 810.08 or s. 810.09 or this chapter in a designated restricted access area pursuant to s. 311.12(4) s. 311.111 is authorized to detain such person in a reasonable manner for a reasonable period of time pending the arrival of a law enforcement officer, and such action does shall not render the security officer criminally or civilly liable for false arrest, false imprisonment, or unlawful detention.

Section 5. Section 311.13, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

311.13 Certain information exempt from disclosure.—Seaport security plans of a seaport authority created pursuant to s.

311.12 by act of the Legislature or of a seaport department of a county or municipality that operates an international seaport are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. In addition, photographs, maps, blueprints, drawings, and similar materials that depict critical seaport

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operating facilities are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution, to the extent that a seaport authority created by act of the Legislature or a scaport department of a county or municipality that operates a seaport reasonably determines that such items contain information that is not generally known and that could jeopardize the security of the seaport; however, information relating to real estate leases, layout plans, blueprints, or information relevant thereto, is not to be included in this exemption. The exemptions in this section are applicable only to records held by a seaport authority created by act of the Legislature or to records of a county or municipal seaport department that operates a seaport.

Section 6. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 943.0585, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

943.0585 Court-ordered expunction of criminal history records.—The courts of this state have jurisdiction over their own procedures, including the maintenance, expunction, and correction of judicial records containing criminal history information to the extent such procedures are not inconsistent with the conditions, responsibilities, and duties established by this section. Any court of competent jurisdiction may order a criminal justice agency to expunge the criminal history record of a minor or an adult who complies with the requirements of this section. The court shall not order a criminal justice agency to expunge a criminal history record until the person seeking to expunge a criminal history record has applied for and received a certificate of eligibility for expunction pursuant to subsection (2). A criminal history record that relates to a violation of s. 393.135, s. 394.4593, s. 787.025, chapter 794,

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s. 796.03, s. 800.04, s. 810.14, s. 817.034, s. 825.1025, s. 827.071, chapter 839, s. 847.0133, s. 847.0135, s. 847.0145, s. 893.135, s. 916.1075, a violation enumerated in s. 907.041, or any violation specified as a predicate offense for registration as a sexual predator pursuant to s. 775.21, without regard to whether that offense alone is sufficient to require such registration, or for registration as a sexual offender pursuant to s. 943.0435, may not be expunded, without regard to whether adjudication was withheld, if the defendant was found guilty of or pled quilty or nolo contendere to the offense, or if the defendant, as a minor, was found to have committed, or pled guilty or nolo contendere to committing, the offense as a delinquent act. The court may only order expunction of a criminal history record pertaining to one arrest or one incident of alleged criminal activity, except as provided in this section. The court may, at its sole discretion, order the expunction of a criminal history record pertaining to more than one arrest if the additional arrests directly relate to the original arrest. If the court intends to order the expunction of records pertaining to such additional arrests, such intent must be specified in the order. A criminal justice agency may not expunge any record pertaining to such additional arrests if the order to expunge does not articulate the intention of the court to expunge a record pertaining to more than one arrest. This section does not prevent the court from ordering the expunction of only a portion of a criminal history record pertaining to one arrest or one incident of alleged criminal activity. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a criminal justice agency may comply with laws, court orders, and official requests

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of other jurisdictions relating to expunction, correction, or confidential handling of criminal history records or information derived therefrom. This section does not confer any right to the expunction of any criminal history record, and any request for expunction of a criminal history record may be denied at the sole discretion of the court.

- (4) EFFECT OF CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD EXPUNCTION.—Any criminal history record of a minor or an adult which is ordered expunged by a court of competent jurisdiction pursuant to this section must be physically destroyed or obliterated by any criminal justice agency having custody of such record; except that any criminal history record in the custody of the department must be retained in all cases. A criminal history record ordered expunged that is retained by the department is confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution and not available to any person or entity except upon order of a court of competent jurisdiction. A criminal justice agency may retain a notation indicating compliance with an order to expunge.
- (a) The person who is the subject of a criminal history record that is expunged under this section or under other provisions of law, including former s. 893.14, former s. 901.33, and former s. 943.058, may lawfully deny or fail to acknowledge the arrests covered by the expunged record, except when the subject of the record:
- 1. Is a candidate for employment with a criminal justice agency;
  - 2. Is a defendant in a criminal prosecution;
  - 3. Concurrently or subsequently petitions for relief under

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639 this section or s. 943.059;

- 4. Is a candidate for admission to The Florida Bar;
- 5. Is seeking to be employed or licensed by or to contract with the Department of Children and Family Services, the Agency for Health Care Administration, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, or the Department of Juvenile Justice or to be employed or used by such contractor or licensee in a sensitive position having direct contact with children, the developmentally disabled, the aged, or the elderly as provided in s. 110.1127(3), s. 393.063, s. 394.4572(1), s. 397.451, s. 402.302(3), s. 402.313(3), s. 409.175(2)(i), s. 415.102(4), chapter 916, s. 985.644, chapter 400, or chapter 429;
- 6. Is seeking to be employed or licensed by the Department of Education, any district school board, any university laboratory school, any charter school, any private or parochial school, or any local governmental entity that licenses child care facilities; or
- 7. Is seeking authorization from a  $\frac{\text{Florida}}{\text{Identified}}$  in s. 311.09 for employment within or access to one or more of such seaports pursuant to s. 311.12 or s. 311.125.

Section 7. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 943.059, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

943.059 Court-ordered sealing of criminal history records.—
The courts of this state shall continue to have jurisdiction over their own procedures, including the maintenance, sealing, and correction of judicial records containing criminal history information to the extent such procedures are not inconsistent with the conditions, responsibilities, and duties established by this section. Any court of competent jurisdiction may order a

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criminal justice agency to seal the criminal history record of a minor or an adult who complies with the requirements of this section. The court shall not order a criminal justice agency to seal a criminal history record until the person seeking to seal a criminal history record has applied for and received a certificate of eligibility for sealing pursuant to subsection (2). A criminal history record that relates to a violation of s. 393.135, s. 394.4593, s. 787.025, chapter 794, s. 796.03, s. 800.04, s. 810.14, s. 817.034, s. 825.1025, s. 827.071, chapter 839, s. 847.0133, s. 847.0135, s. 847.0145, s. 893.135, s. 916.1075, a violation enumerated in s. 907.041, or any violation specified as a predicate offense for registration as a sexual predator pursuant to s. 775.21, without regard to whether that offense alone is sufficient to require such registration, or for registration as a sexual offender pursuant to s. 943.0435, may not be sealed, without regard to whether adjudication was withheld, if the defendant was found guilty of or pled guilty or nolo contendere to the offense, or if the defendant, as a minor, was found to have committed or pled guilty or nolo contendere to committing the offense as a delinquent act. The court may only order sealing of a criminal history record pertaining to one arrest or one incident of alleged criminal activity, except as provided in this section. The court may, at its sole discretion, order the sealing of a criminal history record pertaining to more than one arrest if the additional arrests directly relate to the original arrest. If the court intends to order the sealing of records pertaining to such additional arrests, such intent must be specified in the order. A criminal justice agency may not seal any record pertaining to such additional arrests if

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the order to seal does not articulate the intention of the court to seal records pertaining to more than one arrest. This section does not prevent the court from ordering the sealing of only a portion of a criminal history record pertaining to one arrest or one incident of alleged criminal activity. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a criminal justice agency may comply with laws, court orders, and official requests of other jurisdictions relating to sealing, correction, or confidential handling of criminal history records or information derived therefrom. This section does not confer any right to the sealing of any criminal history record, and any request for sealing a criminal history record may be denied at the sole discretion of the court.

- (4) EFFECT OF CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD SEALING.—A criminal history record of a minor or an adult which is ordered sealed by a court of competent jurisdiction pursuant to this section is confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution and is available only to the person who is the subject of the record, to the subject's attorney, to criminal justice agencies for their respective criminal justice purposes, which include conducting a criminal history background check for approval of firearms purchases or transfers as authorized by state or federal law, to judges in the state courts system for the purpose of assisting them in their case—related decisionmaking responsibilities, as set forth in s. 943.053(5), or to those entities set forth in subparagraphs (a)1., 4., 5., 6., and 8. for their respective licensing, access authorization, and employment purposes.
- (a) The subject of a criminal history record sealed under this section or under other provisions of law, including former

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s. 893.14, former s. 901.33, and former s. 943.058, may lawfully deny or fail to acknowledge the arrests covered by the sealed record, except when the subject of the record:

- 1. Is a candidate for employment with a criminal justice agency;
  - 2. Is a defendant in a criminal prosecution;
- 3. Concurrently or subsequently petitions for relief under this section or s. 943.0585;
  - 4. Is a candidate for admission to The Florida Bar;
- 5. Is seeking to be employed or licensed by or to contract with the Department of Children and Family Services, the Agency for Health Care Administration, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, or the Department of Juvenile Justice or to be employed or used by such contractor or licensee in a sensitive position having direct contact with children, the developmentally disabled, the aged, or the elderly as provided in s. 110.1127(3), s. 393.063, s. 394.4572(1), s. 397.451, s. 402.302(3), s. 402.313(3), s. 409.175(2)(i), s. 415.102(4), s. 415.103, chapter 916, s. 985.644, chapter 400, or chapter 429;
- 6. Is seeking to be employed or licensed by the Department of Education, any district school board, any university laboratory school, any charter school, any private or parochial school, or any local governmental entity that licenses child care facilities;
- 7. Is attempting to purchase a firearm from a licensed importer, licensed manufacturer, or licensed dealer and is subject to a criminal history background check under state or federal law; or
  - 8. Is seeking authorization from a Florida seaport

20097054\_\_\_ 583-01180A-09 755 identified in s. 311.09 for employment within or access to one 756 or more of such seaports pursuant to s. 311.12 or s. 311.125. Section 8. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009. 757

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