

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to sexual battery; creating s. 794.052,
 3 F.S.; requiring each law enforcement officer who
 4 investigates an alleged sexual battery incident to assist
 5 the victim in obtaining necessary medical treatment, a
 6 forensic examination, and crisis-intervention services;
 7 requiring the law enforcement officer to immediately
 8 notify the victim of the legal rights and remedies
 9 available to a victim of sexual battery; directing that
 10 the notice of rights and remedies be written on a standard
 11 notice form developed and distributed by the Florida
 12 Council Against Sexual Violence and the Department of Law
 13 Enforcement; requiring the notice to include certain
 14 information; providing an effective date.

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

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 18 Section 1. Section 794.052, Florida Statutes, is created
 19 to read:

20 794.052 Sexual battery; notification of victim's rights
 21 and services.--

22 (1) A law enforcement officer who investigates an alleged
 23 sexual battery shall:

24 (a) Assist the victim in obtaining medical treatment, if
 25 medical treatment is necessary as a result of the alleged
 26 incident, a forensic examination, and advocacy and crisis-
 27 intervention services from a certified rape crisis center.

28 (b) Advise the victim that he or she may contact a

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29 certified rape crisis center from which the victim may receive
30 services.

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

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