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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to victim advocate services; creating
3 s. 1006.671, F.S.; requiring that each postsecondary
4 educational institution provide an advocate to assist
5 students who are victims of violent crime; requiring
6 that the advocate complete a specified number of hours
7 in victim advocacy training and enlist the assistance
8 of public and voluntary health, education, welfare,
9 and rehabilitation agencies or groups and law
10 enforcement agencies; requiring that an advocate be
11 made available on any campus that provides student
12 housing or has a minimum number of full-time students;
13 providing an effective date.

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

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17 Section 1. Section 1006.671, Florida Statutes, is created
18 to read:

19 1006.671 Victim advocate services.—Each postsecondary
20 educational institution shall provide an advocate to aid
21 students who are victims of violent crime. The victim advocate
22 must have completed at least 30 hours of victim advocacy
23 training, and shall enlist the assistance of public and
24 voluntary health, education, welfare, and rehabilitation
25 agencies or groups and law enforcement agencies in coordinating
26 services. An advocate must be made available on any campus that
27 provides student housing or has 5,000 or more full-time
28 students.

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.