

By Senator Dean

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to career offenders; amending s.
3 775.261, F.S.; providing that it is a first-degree
4 misdemeanor for a person to perform specified acts
5 with the intent to assist a career offender in eluding
6 a law enforcement agency that is seeking to find the
7 career offender to question the career offender about,
8 or to arrest the career offender for, his or her
9 noncompliance; providing criminal penalties; providing
10 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.—It is a misdemeanor of the
18 first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.
19 775.083, for a person who has reason to believe that a career
20 offender is not complying, or has not complied, with the
21 requirements of this section and who, with the intent to assist
22 the career offender in eluding a law enforcement agency that is
23 seeking to find the career offender to question the career
24 offender about, or to arrest the career offender for, his or her
25 noncompliance with the requirements of this section, to:

26 (a) Withhold information from, or fail to notify, the law
27 enforcement agency about the career offender's noncompliance
28 with the requirements of this section and, if known, the
29 whereabouts of the career offender;

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30 (b) Harbor or attempt to harbor, or assist another in
31 harboring or attempting to harbor, the career offender;

32 (c) Conceal or attempt to conceal, or assist another in
33 concealing or attempting to conceal, the career offender; or

34 (d) Provide information to the law enforcement agency
35 regarding the career offender which the person knows to be
36 false.

37 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.