

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to substantial assistance; creating s.
 3 921.186, F.S.; permitting the state attorney to request
 4 the sentencing court to reduce or suspend the sentence of
 5 a defendant who has been convicted of violating any felony
 6 offense and who provides substantial assistance in the
 7 identification, arrest, or conviction of any accomplice,
 8 accessory, coconspirator, or principal of the defendant or
 9 other felon; providing that the motion may be filed and
 10 heard in camera for good cause shown; providing that a
 11 judge may reduce or suspend the sentence if the judge
 12 finds that the defendant rendered substantial assistance;
 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 921.186, Florida Statutes, is created
 18 to read:

19 921.186 Substantial assistance.—Notwithstanding any other
 20 law, the state attorney may move the sentencing court at any
 21 time to reduce or suspend the sentence of any defendant who is
 22 convicted of violating any felony offense and who provides
 23 substantial assistance in the identification, arrest, or
 24 conviction of any accomplice, accessory, coconspirator, or
 25 principal of the defendant or of any other person engaged in
 26 criminal activity that would constitute a felony. Upon good
 27 cause shown, the motion may be filed and heard in camera. The
 28 judge hearing the motion may reduce or suspend the sentence if

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29 | the judge finds that the defendant rendered such substantial
30 | assistance.

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