

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 person 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 person or
 9 other felon; providing that the arresting agency shall be
 10 given an opportunity to be heard in aggravation or
 11 mitigation in reference to any such motion; providing that
 12 the motion may be filed and heard in camera for good cause
 13 shown; providing that a judge may reduce or suspend the
 14 sentence if the judge finds that the defendant rendered
 15 substantial assistance; providing an effective date.

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

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 19 Section 1. Section 921.186, Florida Statutes, is created
 20 to read:

21 921.186 Substantial assistance.—Notwithstanding any other
 22 law, the state attorney may move the sentencing court to reduce
 23 or suspend the sentence of any person who is convicted of
 24 violating any felony offense and who provides substantial
 25 assistance in the identification, arrest, or conviction of any
 26 of that person's accomplices, accessories, coconspirators, or
 27 principals or of any other person engaged in criminal activity
 28 that would constitute a felony. The arresting agency shall be

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29 given an opportunity to be heard in aggravation or mitigation in
30 reference to any such motion. Upon good cause shown, the motion
31 may be filed and heard in camera. The judge hearing the motion
32 may reduce or suspend the sentence if the judge finds that the
33 defendant rendered such substantial assistance.

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