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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
4 request the sentencing court to reduce or suspend the
5 sentence of a defendant who has been convicted of
6 violating any felony offense and who provides
7 substantial assistance in the identification, arrest,
8 or conviction of any accomplice, accessory,
9 coconspirator, or principal of the defendant or other
10 felon; providing that the motion may be filed and
11 heard in camera for good cause shown; providing that a
12 judge may reduce or suspend the sentence if the judge
13 finds that the defendant rendered substantial
14 assistance; 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 921.186, Florida Statutes, is created to
19 read:

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

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30 the judge finds that the defendant rendered such substantial
31 assistance.

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