

By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senator Aronberg

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

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

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21 Section 1. Section 921.186, Florida Statutes, is created to
22 read:

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

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

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