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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to assault or battery of law enforcement
 3 officers; creating s. 784.071, F.S.; providing a
 4 definition; requiring issuance of a specified alert after
 5 an attack upon a law enforcement officer in certain
 6 circumstances; providing an effective date.

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

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 10 Section 1. Section 784.071, Florida Statutes, is created
 11 to read:

12 784.071 Assault or battery of law enforcement officer;
 13 alert.-

14 (1) As used in this section, the term "blue alert" means
 15 an alert issued after an attack upon a law enforcement officer
 16 as described in subsection (2).

17 (2) Upon the request of an authorized person at a law
 18 enforcement agency that is investigating an offense described in
 19 paragraph (a), the Florida Highway Patrol shall activate the
 20 Emergency Alert System and issue a blue alert if all of the
 21 following conditions are met:

22 (a) A law enforcement officer, as defined in s. 784.07,
 23 has been killed, has suffered serious bodily injury, or has been
 24 assaulted with a deadly weapon and a suspect has fled the scene
 25 of the offense.

26 (b) A law enforcement agency investigating the offense
 27 determines that such a suspect poses an imminent threat to the
 28 public or other law enforcement personnel.

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29 (c) A detailed description of the suspect's vehicle or
30 other means of escape or license plate is available for
31 broadcast.

32 (d) Dissemination of available information to the public
33 may help avert further harm or assist in the apprehension of the
34 suspect.

35 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.