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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to involuntary civil commitment of  
3           sexually violent predators; amending s. 394.912, F.S.;  
4           redefining terms; creating s. 394.9125, F.S.;  
5           authorizing and requiring a state attorney to refer  
6           certain persons for civil commitment under certain  
7           circumstances; requiring the state attorney to notify  
8           county and municipal jails of a referral within a  
9           specified timeframe; authorizing the state attorney to  
10          file a petition requesting that a person be taken into  
11          custody for civil commitment proceedings; requiring a  
12          judge to order a person into custody for civil  
13          commitment proceedings upon making specified findings;  
14          amending s. 394.913, F.S.; requiring the agency with  
15          jurisdiction over a person who has been convicted of a  
16          sexually violent offense to give written notice to the  
17          multidisciplinary team as soon as practicable after  
18          receipt into custody of such person in a county or  
19          municipal jail facility; authorizing the  
20          multidisciplinary team to consult with law enforcement  
21          agencies and victim advocate groups as part of the  
22          assessment and evaluation process; authorizing a  
23          clinical evaluation; requiring a second clinical  
24          evaluation under certain circumstances; requiring the  
25          Department of Children and Families to recommend that  
26          the state attorney file a civil commitment petition  
27          under certain circumstances; requiring the department  
28          to send a recommendation to the state attorney for  
29          further review under certain circumstances if a person

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30 does not meet the definition of a sexually violent  
31 predator; requiring the multidisciplinary team to  
32 reexamine the case under certain circumstances;  
33 revising the timeframes for the written assessment;  
34 requiring the multidisciplinary team to give equal  
35 consideration to an attempt, criminal solicitation, or  
36 conspiracy to commit certain offenses as it does to  
37 the commission of such offenses; amending s. 394.9135,  
38 F.S.; providing for certain released persons to be  
39 taken into custody by the Department of Children and  
40 Families; authorizing the state attorney to file,  
41 within a specific timeframe, a petition alleging that  
42 a person released from a local detention facility was  
43 not referred as required before release because of a  
44 mistake, oversight, or intentional act or was referred  
45 for commitment consideration but released rather than  
46 transferred to custody, as required, due to a mistake,  
47 oversight, or intentional act; requiring a judge to  
48 order that a person so released be taken into custody  
49 and delivered to an appropriate secure facility under  
50 certain circumstances; amending s. 394.914, F.S.;  
51 authorizing the state attorney to file a petition for  
52 civil commitment regardless of the multidisciplinary  
53 team's recommendation; amending s. 394.918, F.S.,  
54 authorizing the petitioner and respondent to present  
55 evidence at a civil commitment probable cause hearing;  
56 amending s. 394.926, F.S.; requiring the department to  
57 provide written notice of placement of a person in the  
58 department's custody to a victim of such person;

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59 requiring the department to notify the Department of  
60 Corrections, the Department of Law Enforcement, and  
61 the sheriff of the county in which such person intends  
62 to reside of the release of a sexually violent  
63 predator or a person who is in custody; requiring the  
64 Department of Children and Families to enroll certain  
65 persons in an arrest notification program and to  
66 notify the state attorney upon receiving an arrest  
67 alert; amending s. 394.931, F.S.; requiring the  
68 Department of Corrections to collect recidivism  
69 information; amending s. 943.053, F.S.; requiring the  
70 Department of Law Enforcement to provide the  
71 Department of Children and Families access to the  
72 arrest notification program; providing for  
73 severability; providing an effective date.

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

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77 Section 1. Subsections (1), (3), (7), and (11) of section  
78 394.912, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph (i) is  
79 added to subsection (9) of that section, to read:

80 394.912 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:

81 (1) "Agency with jurisdiction" means the entity ~~agency~~ that  
82 releases, upon lawful order or authority, a person who is  
83 serving a sentence in the custody of the Department of  
84 Corrections, a person who was adjudicated delinquent and is  
85 committed to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice,  
86 ~~or~~ a person who was involuntarily committed to the custody of  
87 the Department of Children and Families ~~Family Services~~ upon an

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88 adjudication of not guilty by reason of insanity, or a person  
89 who is serving a sentence in a county or municipal jail for a  
90 sexually violent offense as defined in paragraph (9) (i).

91 (3) "Department" means the Department of Children and  
92 Families ~~Family Services~~.

93 (7) "Secretary" means the secretary of the Department of  
94 Children and Families ~~Family Services~~.

95 (9) "Sexually violent offense" means:

96 (i) A criminal offense in which the state attorney refers a  
97 person to the department for civil commitment proceedings  
98 pursuant to s. 394.9125.

99 (11) "Total confinement" means that the person is currently  
100 being held in any physically secure facility being operated or  
101 contractually operated for the Department of Corrections, the  
102 Department of Juvenile Justice, or the Department of Children  
103 and Families ~~Family Services~~. A person shall also be deemed to  
104 be in total confinement for applicability of provisions under  
105 this part if:

106 (a) The person is serving an incarcerative sentence under  
107 the custody of the Department of Corrections or the Department  
108 of Juvenile Justice and is being held in any other secure  
109 facility for any reason;

110 (b) The person is serving a sentence in a county or  
111 municipal jail for a sexually violent offense as defined in  
112 paragraph (9) (i); or

113 (c) A court or the agency with jurisdiction determines that  
114 the person who is being held should have been lawfully released  
115 at an earlier date and that the provisions of this part would  
116 have been applicable to the person on the date that he or she

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117 should have been lawfully released.

118 Section 2. Section 394.9125, Florida Statutes, is created  
119 to read:

120 394.9125 State attorney; authority to refer a person for  
121 civil commitment.-

122 (1) A state attorney shall refer a person to the department  
123 for civil commitment proceedings if:

124 (a) The state attorney receives an arrest alert on the  
125 person pursuant to s. 394.926(4); and

126 (b) The person is subsequently sentenced to a term of  
127 imprisonment in a county or municipal jail for any criminal  
128 offense.

129 (2) A state attorney may refer a person to the department  
130 for civil commitment proceedings if the person:

131 (a) Is required to register as a sexual offender pursuant  
132 to s. 943.0435;

133 (b) Has previously been convicted of a sexually violent  
134 offense as defined in s. 394.912(9)(a)-(h); and

135 (c) Has been sentenced to a term of imprisonment in a  
136 county or municipal jail for any criminal offense.

137 (3) A state attorney who refers a person for civil  
138 commitment pursuant to subsection (1) or subsection (2) shall  
139 notify the county or municipal jail to which the person has been  
140 sentenced within 24 hours after the referral is made.

141 (4) (a) If a person is sentenced to a term of imprisonment  
142 in a county or municipal jail but is not subsequently totally  
143 confined in the jail due to receiving credit for time served,  
144 the state attorney may file a petition with the circuit court  
145 within 120 hours after such person's sentencing proceeding

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146 requesting the court to order such person into the department's  
147 custody for purposes of initiating civil commitment proceedings.

148 (b) If the judge determines that there is probable cause to  
149 believe that the person should have been referred to the  
150 department pursuant to subsection (1) or subsection (2) but that  
151 the referral was not made because the person was not totally  
152 confined in a county or municipal jail due to receiving credit  
153 for time served, the judge shall order that the person be taken  
154 into custody and delivered to the custody of the department for  
155 civil commitment proceedings.

156 Section 3. Section 394.913, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
157 read:

158 394.913 Notice to state attorney and multidisciplinary team  
159 of release of sexually violent predator; establishing  
160 multidisciplinary teams; information to be provided to  
161 multidisciplinary teams.—

162 (1) The agency with jurisdiction over a person who has been  
163 convicted of a sexually violent offense shall give written  
164 notice to the multidisciplinary team~~7~~ and shall provide a copy  
165 of the notice to the state attorney of the circuit in which  
166 ~~where~~ that person was last convicted of a sexually violent  
167 offense. If the person has never been convicted of a sexually  
168 violent offense in this state but has been convicted of a  
169 sexually violent offense in another state or in federal court,  
170 the agency with jurisdiction shall give written notice to the  
171 multidisciplinary team and a copy to the state attorney of the  
172 circuit in which ~~where~~ the person was last convicted of any  
173 offense in this state. If the person is being confined in this  
174 state pursuant to interstate compact and has a prior or current

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175 conviction for a sexually violent offense, the agency with  
176 jurisdiction shall give written notice to the multidisciplinary  
177 team and shall provide a copy to the state attorney of the  
178 circuit in which ~~where~~ the person plans to reside upon release  
179 or, if no residence in this state is planned, the state attorney  
180 in the circuit in which ~~where~~ the facility from which the person  
181 to be released is located. Except as provided in s. 394.9135,  
182 the written notice must be given:

183 (a) At least 545 days before ~~prior to~~ the anticipated  
184 release from total confinement of a person serving a sentence in  
185 the custody of the Department of Corrections, except that in the  
186 case of a person ~~persons~~ who is ~~are~~ totally confined for a  
187 period of less than 545 days, written notice must be given as  
188 soon as practicable;

189 (b) At least 180 days before ~~prior to~~ the anticipated  
190 release from residential commitment of a person committed to the  
191 custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice, except that in  
192 the case of a person ~~persons~~ who is ~~are~~ committed to a low or  
193 moderate risk facility, written notice must be given as soon as  
194 practicable; ~~or~~

195 (c) At least 180 days before ~~prior to~~ the anticipated  
196 hearing regarding possible release of a person committed to the  
197 custody of the department who has been found not guilty by  
198 reason of insanity or mental incapacity of a sexually violent  
199 offense; ~~or-~~

200 (d) At least 180 days before the anticipated release from  
201 total confinement of a person serving a sentence in a county or  
202 municipal jail, except that in the case of a person who is  
203 totally confined for a period of less than 180 days, written

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204 notice must be given as soon as practicable.

205 (2) The agency having jurisdiction shall provide the  
206 multidisciplinary team with the following information:

207 (a) The person's name; identifying characteristics;  
208 anticipated future residence; the type of supervision the person  
209 will receive in the community, if any; and the person's offense  
210 history;

211 (b) The person's criminal history, including police  
212 reports, victim statements, presentence investigation reports,  
213 postsentence investigation reports, if available, and any other  
214 documents containing facts of the person's criminal incidents or  
215 indicating whether the criminal incidents included sexual acts  
216 or were sexually motivated;

217 (c) Mental health, mental status, and medical records,  
218 including all clinical records and notes concerning the person;

219 (d) Documentation of institutional adjustment and any  
220 treatment received and, in the case of an adjudicated delinquent  
221 committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice, copies of the  
222 most recent performance plan and performance summary; and

223 (e) If the person was returned to custody after a period of  
224 supervision, documentation of adjustment during supervision and  
225 any treatment received.

226 (3) (a) The secretary or his or her designee shall establish  
227 a multidisciplinary team or teams.

228 (b) Each team shall include, but need ~~is~~ not be limited to,  
229 two licensed psychiatrists or psychologists or one licensed  
230 psychiatrist and one licensed psychologist.

231 (c) The multidisciplinary team shall assess and evaluate  
232 each person referred to the team. The assessment and evaluation

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233 ~~must shall~~ include a review of the person's institutional  
234 history and treatment record, if any, the person's criminal  
235 background, and any other factor that is relevant to the  
236 determination of whether the ~~such~~ person is a sexually violent  
237 predator.

238 (d) The multidisciplinary team may consult with law  
239 enforcement agencies and victim advocate groups during the  
240 assessment and evaluation process. A clinical evaluation of the  
241 person may be conducted. A second clinical evaluation must be  
242 conducted if a member of the multidisciplinary team questions  
243 the conclusion of the first clinical evaluation. All members of  
244 the multidisciplinary team shall review, at a minimum, the  
245 information provided in subsection (2) and any clinical  
246 evaluation before making a recommendation pursuant to paragraph  
247 (f).

248 (e) ~~(e)~~ Before recommending that a person meets the  
249 definition of a sexually violent predator, the person must be  
250 offered a personal interview. If the person agrees to  
251 participate in a personal interview, at least one member of the  
252 team who is a licensed psychiatrist or psychologist must conduct  
253 a personal interview of the person. If the person refuses to  
254 fully participate in a personal interview, the multidisciplinary  
255 team may proceed with its recommendation without the ~~a personal~~  
256 interview ~~of the person~~.

257 (f) After all clinical evaluations have been completed, the  
258 department shall provide to the state attorney a written  
259 assessment and recommendation as to whether the person meets the  
260 definition of a sexually violent predator.

261 1. The department must recommend that the state attorney

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262 file a petition for civil commitment if at least two members of  
263 the multidisciplinary team determine that the person meets the  
264 definition of a sexually violent predator.

265 2. When the department determines that a person who has  
266 received a clinical evaluation does or does not meet the  
267 definition of a sexually violent predator, the written  
268 assessment and recommendation shall be sent to the state  
269 attorney. If the state attorney questions, in writing, the  
270 determination that the person does or does not meet the  
271 definition of a sexually violent predator, the multidisciplinary  
272 team must reexamine the case before a final written assessment  
273 and recommendation is provided to the state attorney.

274 (g) ~~(d)~~ The Attorney General's Office shall serve as legal  
275 counsel to the multidisciplinary team.

276 (h) ~~(e)~~ 1. After all clinical evaluations have been  
277 completed, but at least 1 month before the person's scheduled  
278 release date, if the referral date is at least 90 days before  
279 the person's scheduled release date, the multidisciplinary team  
280 shall provide to the state attorney ~~Within 180 days after~~  
281 ~~receiving notice, there shall be a written assessment and~~  
282 ~~recommendation~~ as to whether the person meets the definition of  
283 a sexually violent predator ~~and a written recommendation, which~~  
284 ~~shall be provided to the state attorney.~~ If the referral date is  
285 less than 90 days before the person's expiration of sentence,  
286 the multidisciplinary team shall provide to the state attorney a  
287 written assessment and recommendation as to whether the person  
288 meets the definition of a sexually violent predator as soon as  
289 is practicable before the person's expiration of sentence. The  
290 written recommendation shall be provided by the Department of

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291 Children and Families ~~Family Services~~ and must ~~shall~~ include the  
292 written report of the multidisciplinary team.

293 ~~2. Notwithstanding subparagraph 1., in the case of a person~~  
294 ~~for whom the written assessment and recommendation has not been~~  
295 ~~completed at least 365 days before his or her release from total~~  
296 ~~confinement, the department shall prioritize the assessment of~~  
297 ~~that person based upon the person's release date.~~

298 (4) The multidisciplinary team shall give equal  
299 consideration in the evaluation and assessment of an offender  
300 whose sexually violent offense was an attempt, criminal  
301 solicitation, or conspiracy, in violation of s. 777.04, to  
302 commit a sexually violent offense enumerated in s. 394.912(9) as  
303 it does in the evaluation and assessment of an offender who  
304 completed such an enumerated sexually violent offense. A rule or  
305 policy may not be established which reduces the level of  
306 consideration because the sexually violent offense was an  
307 attempt, criminal solicitation, or conspiracy.

308 ~~(5)-(4) The provisions of This section is~~ are not  
309 jurisdictional, and failure to comply with it ~~them~~ in no way  
310 prevents the state attorney from proceeding against a person  
311 otherwise subject to ~~the provisions of~~ this part.

312 Section 4. Section 394.9135, Florida Statutes, is amended  
313 to read:

314 394.9135 Immediate releases from total confinement;  
315 transfer of person to department; time limitations on  
316 assessment, notification, and filing petition to hold in  
317 custody; filing petition after release; order into custody of  
318 department after release.-

319 (1) (a) If the anticipated release from total confinement of

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320 a person who has been convicted of a sexually violent offense  
321 becomes immediate for any reason, the agency with jurisdiction  
322 shall upon immediate release from total confinement transfer  
323 that person to the custody of the department ~~of Children and~~  
324 ~~Family Services~~ to be held in an appropriate secure facility.

325 (b) If a person who committed a sexually violent offense  
326 and who is serving an incarcerative sentence under the custody  
327 of the Department of Corrections or the Department of Juvenile  
328 Justice is released from a local detention facility, the state  
329 attorney, as designated in s. 394.913, may file a petition with  
330 the circuit court within 120 hours after the person's release  
331 alleging that:

332 1. Section 394.913 or this section requires that the person  
333 be referred for consideration for civil commitment before  
334 release and the person was not referred because of a mistake,  
335 oversight, or intentional act; or

336 2. The person was referred for commitment consideration  
337 but, through a mistake, oversight, or intentional act, was  
338 released rather than transferred to the custody of the  
339 Department of Children and Families as required by this part.

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341 If the judge determines that there is probable cause to believe  
342 that the person was released in contravention of s. 394.913 or  
343 this section, the judge shall order the person to be taken into  
344 custody and delivered to an appropriate secure facility  
345 designated by the Department of Children and Families.

346 (2) Within 72 hours after transfer pursuant to paragraph  
347 (1) (a) or receipt into the department's custody pursuant to  
348 paragraph (1) (b) or s. 394.9125(4), the multidisciplinary team

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349 shall assess whether the person meets the definition of a  
350 sexually violent predator as defined in s. 394.912. If at least  
351 two members of the multidisciplinary team, after all clinical  
352 evaluations have been conducted, determine ~~determines~~ that the  
353 person does not meet the definition of a sexually violent  
354 predator, that person shall be immediately released. If the  
355 multidisciplinary team determines that the person meets the  
356 definition of a sexually violent predator, the team shall  
357 provide the state attorney, as designated by s. 394.913, with  
358 its written assessment and recommendation within the 72-hour  
359 period or, if the 72-hour period ends after 5 p.m. on a working  
360 day or on a weekend or holiday, within the next working day  
361 thereafter.

362 (3) Within 48 hours after receipt of the written assessment  
363 and recommendation from the multidisciplinary team, the state  
364 attorney, as designated in s. 394.913, may file a petition with  
365 the circuit court alleging that the person is a sexually violent  
366 predator and stating facts sufficient to support the ~~such~~  
367 allegation. If a petition is not filed within 48 hours after  
368 receipt of the written assessment and recommendation by the  
369 state attorney, the person shall be immediately released, except  
370 that, if the 48-hour period ends after 5 p.m. on a working day  
371 or on a weekend or holiday, the petition may be filed on the  
372 next working day without resulting in the person's release. If a  
373 petition is filed pursuant to this section and the judge  
374 determines that there is probable cause to believe that the  
375 person is a sexually violent predator, the judge shall order  
376 that the person be maintained in custody and held in an  
377 appropriate secure facility for further proceedings in

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378 accordance with this part.

379 (4) ~~The provisions of~~ This section is ~~are~~ not  
380 jurisdictional, and failure to comply with the time limitations,  
381 which results in the release of a person who has been convicted  
382 of a sexually violent offense, ~~is~~ not dispositive of the case  
383 and does not prevent the state attorney from proceeding against  
384 a person otherwise subject to ~~the provisions of~~ this part.

385 Section 5. Section 394.914, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
386 read:

387 394.914 Petition; contents. ~~After Following~~ receipt from  
388 the multidisciplinary team of the written assessment and  
389 positive or negative recommendation as to whether the person  
390 meets the definition of a sexually violent predator ~~from the~~  
391 ~~multidisciplinary team~~, the state attorney, in accordance with  
392 s. 394.913, may file a petition with the circuit court alleging  
393 that the person is a sexually violent predator and stating facts  
394 sufficient to support such allegation. A No fee may not shall be  
395 charged for the filing of a petition under this section.

396 Section 6. Subsection (3) of section 394.918, Florida  
397 Statutes, is amended to read:

398 394.918 Examinations; notice; court hearings for release of  
399 committed persons; burden of proof.—

400 (3) The court shall hold a limited hearing to determine  
401 whether there is probable cause to believe that the person's  
402 condition has so changed that it is safe for the person to be at  
403 large and that the person will not engage in acts of sexual  
404 violence if discharged. The person has the right to be  
405 represented by counsel at the probable cause hearing and the  
406 right, ~~but the person is not entitled~~ to be present. Both the

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407 petitioner and the respondent may present evidence that the  
408 court may weigh and consider. If the court determines that there  
409 is probable cause to believe it is safe to release the person,  
410 the court shall set a trial before the court on the issue.

411 Section 7. Section 394.926, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
412 read:

413 394.926 Notice to victims and others of release of persons  
414 in the custody of the department ~~committed as sexually violent~~  
415 ~~predators; notice to Department of Corrections and Parole~~  
416 ~~Commission.-~~

417 (1) As soon as is practicable, the department shall give  
418 written notice of the release of a person in the custody of the  
419 department ~~committed as a sexually violent predator~~ to any  
420 victim of the ~~committed~~ person who is alive and whose address is  
421 known to the department or, if the victim is deceased, to the  
422 victim's family, if the family's address is known to the  
423 department. Failure to notify is not a reason for postponement  
424 of release. This section does not create a cause of action  
425 against the state or an employee of the state acting within the  
426 scope of the employee's employment as a result of the failure to  
427 notify pursuant to this part.

428 (2) If a person in the custody of the department ~~sexually~~  
429 ~~violent predator~~ who has an active or pending term of probation,  
430 community control, parole, conditional release, or other court-  
431 ordered or postprison release supervision is released ~~from~~  
432 ~~eustody~~, the department must immediately notify the Department  
433 of Corrections' Office of Community Corrections in Tallahassee.  
434 The Parole Commission must also be immediately notified of any  
435 releases of a person ~~sexually violent predator~~ who has an active

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436 or pending term of parole, conditional release, or other  
437 postprison release supervision that is administered by the  
438 Parole Commission.

439 (3) If a person in the custody of the department is  
440 released, the department must notify the Department of Law  
441 Enforcement and the sheriff of the county in which the person  
442 intends to reside, or if unknown, the sheriff of the county in  
443 which the person was last convicted.

444 (4) (a) The department, in conjunction with the Department  
445 of Law Enforcement, shall enroll and maintain a sexually violent  
446 offender in the arrest notification program through the Florida  
447 Criminal Justice Network maintained by the Department of Law  
448 Enforcement upon such offender's release from the department's  
449 custody. Upon receiving an alert that a sexually violent  
450 offender has been arrested for a criminal offense subsequent to  
451 his or her release, the department must immediately notify the  
452 state attorney of the circuit in which the arrest occurred.

453 (b) As used in this subsection, the term "sexually violent  
454 offender" means a person who has been committed to the  
455 department as a sexually violent predator or who has been in the  
456 department's custody based upon a court finding of probable  
457 cause to believe the person is a sexually violent predator.

458 Section 8. Section 394.931, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
459 read:

460 394.931 Quarterly and annual reports. ~~Beginning July 1,~~  
461 ~~1999,~~ The Department of Corrections shall collect information  
462 and compile quarterly reports with statistics profiling inmates  
463 released the previous quarter who fit the criteria and were  
464 referred to the Department of Children and Families ~~Family~~

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465 ~~Services~~ pursuant to this act. ~~The quarterly reports must be~~  
466 ~~produced beginning October 1, 1999.~~ At a minimum, the  
467 information that must be collected and compiled for inclusion in  
468 the reports includes: whether the qualifying offense was the  
469 current offense or the prior offense; the offender's most  
470 serious sexual offense; the total number of distinct victims of  
471 the sexual offense; whether the victim was known to the  
472 offender; whether the sexual act was consensual; whether the  
473 sexual act involved multiple victims; whether direct violence  
474 was involved in the sexual offense; the age of each victim at  
475 the time of the offense; the age of the offender at the time of  
476 the first sexual offense; whether a weapon was used; length of  
477 time since the most recent sexual offense; and the total number  
478 of prior and current sexual offense ~~sexual-offense~~ convictions.  
479 The Department of Corrections shall compile recidivism data on  
480 those referred, detained, or committed to the department ~~In~~  
481 ~~addition, the department of Children and Family Services shall~~  
482 ~~implement a long-term study to determine the overall efficacy of~~  
483 ~~the provisions of this part.~~

484 Section 9. Subsection (14) is added to section 943.053,  
485 Florida Statutes, to read:

486 943.053 Dissemination of criminal justice information;  
487 fees.—

488 (14) Notwithstanding any other law, the department shall  
489 provide to the Sexually Violent Predator Program within the  
490 Department of Children and Families online access to the arrest  
491 notification program through the Florida Criminal Justice  
492 Network to be used solely in support of the duties of the  
493 Department of Children and Families as provided in s.

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494 394.926(4).

495       Section 10. If any provision of this act or its application  
496 to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity  
497 does not affect other provisions or applications of this act  
498 which can be given effect without the invalid provision or  
499 application, and to this end the provisions of this act are  
500 severable.

501       Section 11. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.