

By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senator Sobel

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to criminal justice; amending s.
3 944.70, F.S.; requiring the Department of Corrections
4 to verify the authenticity of certain court orders
5 before releasing a person from incarceration;
6 providing an exception; 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. Subsection (3) is added to section 944.70,
11 Florida Statutes, to read:

12 944.70 Conditions for release from incarceration.—

13 (3) If a court order has the effect of changing a person's
14 release date to an earlier date, the department must verify the
15 authenticity of the order with the issuing judge before
16 releasing the person from incarceration unless the order
17 received from the clerk of court is accompanied by a
18 confirmation from the issuing judge or authorized designee
19 verifying the authenticity of the order.

20 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.