1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to mandatory minimum sentences; 3 amending s. 775.087, F.S.; deleting aggravated assault 4 from lists of convictions that carry a minimum term of 5 imprisonment if the convicted person possessed a 6 firearm, destructive device, semiautomatic firearm and 7 its high-capacity detachable box magazine, or machine gun during the commission of the offense; deleting a 8 9 provision prohibiting a sentencing court from imposing 10 the mandatory minimum sentence for a conviction for 11 aggravated assault if the court makes specified 12 written findings; conforming cross-references; amending s. 985.557, F.S.; conforming a cross-13 14 reference; reenacting ss. 27.366, 921.0022(2), 15 921.0024(1)(b), and 947.146(3)(b), F.S., relating to legislative intent and policy in cases meeting the 16 criteria of s. 775.087(2) and (3), F.S., the Criminal 17 Punishment Code, the Criminal Punishment Code 18 19 worksheet, and the Control Release Authority, 20 respectively, to incorporate the amendment made by the 21 act to s. 775.087, F.S., in references thereto; 2.2 providing an effective date. 23 24 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 25 26 Section 1. Subsections (2), (3), and (6) of section Page 1 of 20

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27 775.087, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 775.087 Possession or use of weapon; aggravated battery; 28 29 felony reclassification; minimum sentence.-30 (2)(a)1. Any person who is convicted of a felony or an 31 attempt to commit a felony, regardless of whether the use of a 32 weapon is an element of the felony, and the conviction was for: 33 Murder; a. 34 Sexual battery; b. 35 Robbery; с. Burglary; 36 d. 37 Arson; e. 38 f. -Aggravated assault; 39 f.g. Aggravated battery; 40 g.h. Kidnapping; 41 h.i. Escape; 42 i.j. Aircraft piracy; j.k. Aggravated child abuse; 43 44 k.1. Aggravated abuse of an elderly person or disabled 45 adult: Unlawful throwing, placing, or discharging of a 46 l.m. 47 destructive device or bomb; 48 m.n. Carjacking; n.o. Home-invasion robbery; 49 50 o.p. Aggravated stalking; 51 Trafficking in cannabis, trafficking in cocaine, p.q. 52 capital importation of cocaine, trafficking in illegal drugs,

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53 capital importation of illegal drugs, trafficking in phencyclidine, capital importation of phencyclidine, trafficking 54 55 in methaqualone, capital importation of methaqualone, 56 trafficking in amphetamine, capital importation of amphetamine, 57 trafficking in flunitrazepam, trafficking in gammahydroxybutyric acid (GHB), trafficking in 1,4-Butanediol, 58 59 trafficking in Phenethylamines, or other violation of s. 893.135(1); or 60 61 q.r. Possession of a firearm by a felon 62 63 and during the commission of the offense, such person actually 64 possessed a "firearm" or "destructive device" as those terms are 65 defined in s. 790.001, shall be sentenced to a minimum term of 66 imprisonment of 10 years, except that a person who is convicted 67 for aggravated assault, possession of a firearm by a felon, or 68 burglary of a conveyance shall be sentenced to a minimum term of 69 imprisonment of 3 years if such person possessed a "firearm" or 70 "destructive device" during the commission of the offense. 71 However, if an offender who is convicted of the offense of 72 possession of a firearm by a felon has a previous conviction of 73 committing or attempting to commit a felony listed in s. 74 775.084(1)(b)1. and actually possessed a firearm or destructive 75 device during the commission of the prior felony, the offender 76 shall be sentenced to a minimum term of imprisonment of 10 77 years. 78 2. Any person who is convicted of a felony or an attempt

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to commit a felony listed in sub-subparagraphs (a)1.a.-p.
(a)1.a.-q., regardless of whether the use of a weapon is an
element of the felony, and during the course of the commission
of the felony such person discharged a "firearm" or "destructive
device" as defined in s. 790.001 shall be sentenced to a minimum
term of imprisonment of 20 years.

85 3. Any person who is convicted of a felony or an attempt to commit a felony listed in sub-subparagraphs (a)1.a.-p. 86 87 (a)1.a.-q., regardless of whether the use of a weapon is an 88 element of the felony, and during the course of the commission 89 of the felony such person discharged a "firearm" or "destructive device" as defined in s. 790.001 and, as the result of the 90 discharge, death or great bodily harm was inflicted upon any 91 92 person, the convicted person shall be sentenced to a minimum 93 term of imprisonment of not less than 25 years and not more than 94 a term of imprisonment of life in prison.

95 Subparagraph (a)1., subparagraph (a)2., or (b) 96 subparagraph (a)3. does not prevent a court from imposing a 97 longer sentence of incarceration as authorized by law in 98 addition to the minimum mandatory sentence, or from imposing a 99 sentence of death pursuant to other applicable law. Subparagraph 100 (a)1., subparagraph (a)2., or subparagraph (a)3. does not 101 authorize a court to impose a lesser sentence than otherwise 102 required by law.

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104 Notwithstanding s. 948.01, adjudication of guilt or imposition

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of sentence shall not be suspended, deferred, or withheld, and the defendant is not eligible for statutory gain-time under s. 944.275 or any form of discretionary early release, other than pardon or executive clemency, or conditional medical release under s. 947.149, prior to serving the minimum sentence.

110 If the minimum mandatory terms of imprisonment imposed (C) 111 pursuant to this section exceed the maximum sentences authorized by s. 775.082, s. 775.084, or the Criminal Punishment Code under 112 chapter 921, then the mandatory minimum sentence must be 113 114 imposed. If the mandatory minimum terms of imprisonment pursuant 115 to this section are less than the sentences that could be imposed as authorized by s. 775.082, s. 775.084, or the Criminal 116 117 Punishment Code under chapter 921, then the sentence imposed by 118 the court must include the mandatory minimum term of 119 imprisonment as required in this section.

120 It is the intent of the Legislature that offenders who (d) 121 actually possess, carry, display, use, threaten to use, or attempt to use firearms or destructive devices be punished to 122 123 the fullest extent of the law, and the minimum terms of 124 imprisonment imposed pursuant to this subsection shall be 125 imposed for each qualifying felony count for which the person is 126 convicted. The court shall impose any term of imprisonment 127 provided for in this subsection consecutively to any other term 128 of imprisonment imposed for any other felony offense.

(3) (a) 1. Any person who is convicted of a felony or anattempt to commit a felony, regardless of whether the use of a

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131 firearm is an element of the felony, and the conviction was for: 132 a. Murder: 133 b. Sexual battery; 134 c. Robbery; 135 d. Burglary; 136 e. Arson; 137 f. Aggravated assault; 138 f.g. Aggravated battery; q.h. Kidnapping; 139 140 h.i. Escape; 141 i.j. Sale, manufacture, delivery, or intent to sell, 142 manufacture, or deliver any controlled substance; j.k. Aircraft piracy; 143 144 k.1. Aggravated child abuse; 145 1.m. Aggravated abuse of an elderly person or disabled 146 adult; 147 m.n. Unlawful throwing, placing, or discharging of a destructive device or bomb; 148 149 n.o. Carjacking; 150 o.p. Home-invasion robbery; 151 p.q. Aggravated stalking; or q.r. Trafficking in cannabis, trafficking in cocaine, 152 153 capital importation of cocaine, trafficking in illegal drugs, 154 capital importation of illegal drugs, trafficking in 155 phencyclidine, capital importation of phencyclidine, trafficking 156 in methaqualone, capital importation of methaqualone, Page 6 of 20

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157 trafficking in amphetamine, capital importation of amphetamine, 158 trafficking in flunitrazepam, trafficking in gamma-159 hydroxybutyric acid (GHB), trafficking in 1,4-Butanediol, 160 trafficking in Phenethylamines, or other violation of s. 161 893.135(1);

and during the commission of the offense, such person possessed a semiautomatic firearm and its high-capacity detachable box magazine or a machine gun as defined in s. 790.001, shall be sentenced to a minimum term of imprisonment of 15 years.

2. Any person who is convicted of a felony or an attempt to commit a felony listed in subparagraph (a)1., regardless of whether the use of a weapon is an element of the felony, and during the course of the commission of the felony such person discharged a semiautomatic firearm and its high-capacity box magazine or a "machine gun" as defined in s. 790.001 shall be sentenced to a minimum term of imprisonment of 20 years.

Any person who is convicted of a felony or an attempt 174 3. 175 to commit a felony listed in subparagraph (a)1., regardless of whether the use of a weapon is an element of the felony, and 176 177 during the course of the commission of the felony such person 178 discharged a semiautomatic firearm and its high-capacity box 179 magazine or a "machine gun" as defined in s. 790.001 and, as the 180 result of the discharge, death or great bodily harm was 181 inflicted upon any person, the convicted person shall be 182 sentenced to a minimum term of imprisonment of not less than 25

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183 years and not more than a term of imprisonment of life in 184 prison.

185 (b) Subparagraph (a)1., subparagraph (a)2., or 186 subparagraph (a)3. does not prevent a court from imposing a 187 longer sentence of incarceration as authorized by law in 188 addition to the minimum mandatory sentence, or from imposing a 189 sentence of death pursuant to other applicable law. Subparagraph 190 (a)1., subparagraph (a)2., or subparagraph (a)3. does not 191 authorize a court to impose a lesser sentence than otherwise 192 required by law.

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Notwithstanding s. 948.01, adjudication of guilt or imposition of sentence shall not be suspended, deferred, or withheld, and the defendant is not eligible for statutory gain-time under s. 944.275 or any form of discretionary early release, other than pardon or executive clemency, or conditional medical release under s. 947.149, prior to serving the minimum sentence.

200 If the minimum mandatory terms of imprisonment imposed (C) 201 pursuant to this section exceed the maximum sentences authorized 202 by s. 775.082, s. 775.084, or the Criminal Punishment Code under 203 chapter 921, then the mandatory minimum sentence must be 204 imposed. If the mandatory minimum terms of imprisonment pursuant 205 to this section are less than the sentences that could be 206 imposed as authorized by s. 775.082, s. 775.084, or the Criminal 207 Punishment Code under chapter 921, then the sentence imposed by the court must include the mandatory minimum term of 208

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209 imprisonment as required in this section.

210 It is the intent of the Legislature that offenders who (d) 211 possess, carry, display, use, threaten to use, or attempt to use 212 a semiautomatic firearm and its high-capacity detachable box magazine or a machine gun as defined in s. 790.001 be punished 213 214 to the fullest extent of the law, and the minimum terms of 215 imprisonment imposed pursuant to this subsection shall be imposed for each qualifying felony count for which the person is 216 217 convicted. The court shall impose any term of imprisonment 218 provided for in this subsection consecutively to any other term 219 of imprisonment imposed for any other felony offense.

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(e) As used in this subsection, the term:

1. "High-capacity detachable box magazine" means any detachable box magazine, for use in a semiautomatic firearm, which is capable of being loaded with more than 20 centerfire cartridges.

225 2. "Semiautomatic firearm" means a firearm which is 226 capable of firing a series of rounds by separate successive 227 depressions of the trigger and which uses the energy of 228 discharge to perform a portion of the operating cycle.

(6) Notwithstanding s. 27.366, the sentencing court shall not impose the mandatory minimum sentence required by subsection (2) or subsection (3) for a conviction for aggravated assault if the court makes written findings that:

233 (a) The defendant had a good faith belief that the
 234 aggravated assault was justifiable pursuant to chapter 776.

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235 (b) The aggravated assault was not committed in the course 236 of committing another criminal offense. 237 (c) The defendant does not pose a threat to public safety. 238 (d) The totality of the circumstances involved in the 239 offense do not justify the imposition of such sentence. 240 Section 2. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section 241 985.557, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 242 985.557 Direct filing of an information; discretionary and 243 mandatory criteria.-244 (2) MANDATORY DIRECT FILE.-245 (d)1. With respect to any child who was 16 or 17 years of 246 age at the time the alleged offense was committed, the state 247 attorney shall file an information if the child has been charged with committing or attempting to commit an offense listed in s. 248 249 775.087(2)(a)1.a.-p. 775.087(2)(a)1.a.-q., and, during the 250 commission of or attempt to commit the offense, the child: 251 Actually possessed a firearm or destructive device, as a. 252 those terms are defined in s. 790.001. 253 b. Discharged a firearm or destructive device, as 254 described in s. 775.087(2)(a)2. 255 с. Discharged a firearm or destructive device, as 256 described in s. 775.087(2)(a)3., and, as a result of the 257 discharge, death or great bodily harm was inflicted upon any 258 person. 259 2. Upon transfer, any child who is: 260 Charged under sub-subparagraph 1.a. and who has been a. Page 10 of 20

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261 previously adjudicated or had adjudication withheld for a 262 forcible felony offense or any offense involving a firearm, or 263 who has been previously placed in a residential commitment 264 program, shall be subject to sentencing under s. 775.087(2)(a), 265 notwithstanding s. 985.565.

b. Charged under sub-subparagraph 1.b. or sub-subparagraph
1.c., shall be subject to sentencing under s. 775.087(2)(a),
notwithstanding s. 985.565.

3. Upon transfer, any child who is charged under this paragraph, but who does not meet the requirements specified in subparagraph 2., shall be sentenced under s. 985.565; however, if the court imposes a juvenile sanction, the court must commit the child to a high-risk or maximum-risk juvenile facility.

4. This paragraph shall not apply if the state attorney has good cause to believe that exceptional circumstances exist that preclude the just prosecution of the child in adult court.

5. The Department of Corrections shall make every reasonable effort to ensure that any child 16 or 17 years of age who is convicted and sentenced under this paragraph be completely separated such that there is no physical contact with adult offenders in the facility, to the extent that it is consistent with chapter 958.

283 Section 3. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment 284 made by this act to section 775.087, Florida Statutes, in 285 references thereto, section 27.366, Florida Statutes, is 286 reenacted to read:

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287 27.366 Legislative intent and policy in cases meeting criteria of s. 775.087(2) and (3).-It is the intent of the 288 289 Legislature that convicted criminal offenders who meet the criteria in s. 775.087(2) and (3) be sentenced to the minimum 290 291 mandatory prison terms provided therein. It is the intent of the 292 Legislature to establish zero tolerance of criminals who use, 293 threaten to use, or avail themselves of firearms in order to 294 commit crimes and thereby demonstrate their lack of value for 295 human life. It is also the intent of the Legislature that 296 prosecutors should appropriately exercise their discretion in 297 those cases in which the offenders' possession of the firearm is incidental to the commission of a crime and not used in 298 299 furtherance of the crime, used in order to commit the crime, or 300 used in preparation to commit the crime. For every case in which 301 the offender meets the criteria in this act and does not receive 302 the mandatory minimum prison sentence, the state attorney must 303 explain the sentencing deviation in writing and place such 304 explanation in the case file maintained by the state attorney.

305 Section 4. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment 306 made by this act to section 775.087, Florida Statutes, in a 307 reference thereto, subsection (2) of section 921.0022, Florida 308 Statutes, is reenacted to read:

309 921.0022 Criminal Punishment Code; offense severity 310 ranking chart.-

311 (2) The offense severity ranking chart has 10 offense312 levels, ranked from least severe, which are level 1 offenses, to

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313 most severe, which are level 10 offenses, and each felony offense is assigned to a level according to the severity of the 314 315 offense. For purposes of determining which felony offenses are 316 specifically listed in the offense severity ranking chart and 317 which severity level has been assigned to each of these 318 offenses, the numerical statutory references in the left column 319 of the chart and the felony degree designations in the middle 320 column of the chart are controlling; the language in the right 321 column of the chart is provided solely for descriptive purposes. 322 Reclassification of the degree of the felony through the 323 application of s. 775.0845, s. 775.0861, s. 775.0862, s. 324 775.087, s. 775.0875, s. 794.023, or any other law that provides 325 an enhanced penalty for a felony offense, to any offense listed 326 in the offense severity ranking chart in this section shall not 327 cause the offense to become unlisted and is not subject to the 328 provisions of s. 921.0023.

329 Section 5. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment 330 made by this act to section 775.087, Florida Statutes, in 331 references thereto, paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 332 921.0024, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

333 921.0024 Criminal Punishment Code; worksheet computations; 334 scoresheets.-

335 (1)

336 (b) WORKSHEET KEY:

 337 Legal status points are assessed when any form of legal status
 338 existed at the time the offender committed an offense before the Page 13 of 20

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339 court for sentencing. Four (4) sentence points are assessed for 340 an offender's legal status.

341 Community sanction violation points are assessed when a 342 community sanction violation is before the court for sentencing. 343 Six (6) sentence points are assessed for each community sanction 344 violation and each successive community sanction violation, 345 unless any of the following apply:

If the community sanction violation includes a new
 felony conviction before the sentencing court, twelve (12)
 community sanction violation points are assessed for the
 violation, and for each successive community sanction violation
 involving a new felony conviction.

351 2. If the community sanction violation is committed by a 352 violent felony offender of special concern as defined in s. 353 948.06:

a. Twelve (12) community sanction violation points are
assessed for the violation and for each successive violation of
felony probation or community control where:

357 I. The violation does not include a new felony conviction; 358 and

359 II. The community sanction violation is not based solely 360 on the probationer or offender's failure to pay costs or fines 361 or make restitution payments.

362 b. Twenty-four (24) community sanction violation points
 363 are assessed for the violation and for each successive violation
 364 of felony probation or community control where the violation
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365 includes a new felony conviction.

366 Multiple counts of community sanction violations before the 367 sentencing court shall not be a basis for multiplying the 368 assessment of community sanction violation points.

369 Prior serious felony points: If the offender has a primary offense or any additional offense ranked in level 8, level 9, or 370 371 level 10, and one or more prior serious felonies, a single 372 assessment of thirty (30) points shall be added. For purposes of 373 this section, a prior serious felony is an offense in the 374 offender's prior record that is ranked in level 8, level 9, or 375 level 10 under s. 921.0022 or s. 921.0023 and for which the 376 offender is serving a sentence of confinement, supervision, or other sanction or for which the offender's date of release from 377 confinement, supervision, or other sanction, whichever is later, 378 379 is within 3 years before the date the primary offense or any 380 additional offense was committed.

381 Prior capital felony points: If the offender has one or more 382 prior capital felonies in the offender's criminal record, points 383 shall be added to the subtotal sentence points of the offender 384 equal to twice the number of points the offender receives for 385 the primary offense and any additional offense. A prior capital 386 felony in the offender's criminal record is a previous capital 387 felony offense for which the offender has entered a plea of nolo 388 contendere or guilty or has been found guilty; or a felony in

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389 another jurisdiction which is a capital felony in that 390 jurisdiction, or would be a capital felony if the offense were 391 committed in this state.

392 Possession of a firearm, semiautomatic firearm, or machine qun: 393 If the offender is convicted of committing or attempting to 394 commit any felony other than those enumerated in s. 775.087(2) 395 while having in his or her possession: a firearm as defined in 396 s. 790.001(6), an additional eighteen (18) sentence points are 397 assessed; or if the offender is convicted of committing or 398 attempting to commit any felony other than those enumerated in 399 s. 775.087(3) while having in his or her possession a 400 semiautomatic firearm as defined in s. 775.087(3) or a machine 401 qun as defined in s. 790.001(9), an additional twenty-five (25) 402 sentence points are assessed.

403 Sentencing multipliers:

404 Drug trafficking: If the primary offense is drug trafficking 405 under s. 893.135, the subtotal sentence points are multiplied, 406 at the discretion of the court, for a level 7 or level 8 407 offense, by 1.5. The state attorney may move the sentencing 408 court to reduce or suspend the sentence of a person convicted of 409 a level 7 or level 8 offense, if the offender provides 410 substantial assistance as described in s. 893.135(4).

- 411 Law enforcement protection: If the primary offense is a
- 412 violation of the Law Enforcement Protection Act under s.

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413 775.0823(2), (3), or (4), the subtotal sentence points are 414 multiplied by 2.5. If the primary offense is a violation of s. 415 775.0823(5), (6), (7), (8), or (9), the subtotal sentence points 416 are multiplied by 2.0. If the primary offense is a violation of 417 s. 784.07(3) or s. 775.0875(1), or of the Law Enforcement 418 Protection Act under s. 775.0823(10) or (11), the subtotal 419 sentence points are multiplied by 1.5.

Grand theft of a motor vehicle: If the primary offense is grand theft of the third degree involving a motor vehicle and in the offender's prior record, there are three or more grand thefts of the third degree involving a motor vehicle, the subtotal sentence points are multiplied by 1.5.

425 Offense related to a criminal gang: If the offender is convicted 426 of the primary offense and committed that offense for the 427 purpose of benefiting, promoting, or furthering the interests of 428 a criminal gang as defined in s. 874.03, the subtotal sentence 429 points are multiplied by 1.5. If applying the multiplier results 430 in the lowest permissible sentence exceeding the statutory 431 maximum sentence for the primary offense under chapter 775, the 432 court may not apply the multiplier and must sentence the defendant to the statutory maximum sentence. 433

434 Domestic violence in the presence of a child: If the offender is 435 convicted of the primary offense and the primary offense is a 436 crime of domestic violence, as defined in s. 741.28, which was

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437 committed in the presence of a child under 16 years of age who 438 is a family or household member as defined in s. 741.28(3) with 439 the victim or perpetrator, the subtotal sentence points are 440 multiplied by 1.5.

441 Adult-on-minor sex offense: If the offender was 18 years of age 442 or older and the victim was younger than 18 years of age at the 443 time the offender committed the primary offense, and if the 444 primary offense was an offense committed on or after October 1, 445 2014, and is a violation of s. 787.01(2) or s. 787.02(2), if the 446 violation involved a victim who was a minor and, in the course 447 of committing that violation, the defendant committed a sexual 448 battery under chapter 794 or a lewd act under s. 800.04 or s. 449 847.0135(5) against the minor; s. 787.01(3)(a)2. or 3.; s. 450 787.02(3)(a)2. or 3.; s. 794.011, excluding s. 794.011(10); s. 800.04; or s. 847.0135(5), the subtotal sentence points are 451 452 multiplied by 2.0. If applying the multiplier results in the 453 lowest permissible sentence exceeding the statutory maximum 454 sentence for the primary offense under chapter 775, the court 455 may not apply the multiplier and must sentence the defendant to 456 the statutory maximum sentence.

457 Section 6. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment 458 made by this act to section 775.087, Florida Statutes, in a 459 reference thereto, paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 460 947.146, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

947.146 Control Release Authority.-

462 (3) Within 120 days prior to the date the state Page 18 of 20

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463 correctional system is projected pursuant to s. 216.136 to exceed 99 percent of total capacity, the authority shall 464 465 determine eligibility for and establish a control release date 466 for an appropriate number of parole ineligible inmates committed 467 to the department and incarcerated within the state who have 468 been determined by the authority to be eligible for 469 discretionary early release pursuant to this section. In 470 establishing control release dates, it is the intent of the 471 Legislature that the authority prioritize consideration of 472 eligible inmates closest to their tentative release date. The 473 authority shall rely upon commitment data on the offender 474 information system maintained by the department to initially 475 identify inmates who are to be reviewed for control release 476 consideration. The authority may use a method of objective risk 477 assessment in determining if an eligible inmate should be 478 released. Such assessment shall be a part of the department's 479 management information system. However, the authority shall have 480 sole responsibility for determining control release eligibility, 481 establishing a control release date, and effectuating the 482 release of a sufficient number of inmates to maintain the inmate 483 population between 99 percent and 100 percent of total capacity. 484 Inmates who are ineligible for control release are inmates who 485 are parole eligible or inmates who:

(b) Are serving the mandatory minimum portion of a sentence enhanced under s. 775.087(2) or (3), or s. 784.07(3); 488

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In making control release eligibility determinations under this subsection, the authority may rely on any document leading to or generated during the course of the criminal proceedings, including, but not limited to, any presentence or postsentence investigation or any information contained in arrest reports relating to circumstances of the offense.

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Section 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

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