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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to pretrial release in

minor victims; amending s. 903.047, F.S

An act relating to pretrial release in cases involving minor victims; amending s. 903.047, F.S.; requiring, as a condition of pretrial release for a defendant charged with a sexual offense involving a minor victim, that the defendant not be alone with a minor; permitting a court to modify such a condition in certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section 903.047, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (d), a new paragraph (c) is added to that subsection, and subsection (2) of that section is amended, to read:

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903.047 Conditions of pretrial release.

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(1) As a condition of pretrial release, whether such release is by surety bail bond or recognizance bond or in some other form, the defendant must:

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(c) Not be alone with a minor, if the defendant was arrested for a lewd or lascivious exhibition, lewd or lascivious molestation, lewd or lascivious battery, or other sexual act involving a minor victim.

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(2) Upon motion by the defendant when bail is set, or upon later motion properly noticed pursuant to law, the court may

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modify the condition required by paragraph (1)(b) or paragraph (1)(c) if good cause is shown and the interests of justice so require. The victim shall be permitted to be heard at any proceeding in which such modification is considered, and the state attorney shall notify the victim of the provisions of this subsection and of the pendency of any such proceeding.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

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