

By Senator Taddeo

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to plea agreements in cases involving
3 child deaths; creating s. 921.144, F.S.; requiring
4 that a state attorney make a written statement
5 justifying a plea agreement in a case involving the
6 death of a child in certain circumstances; providing
7 an effective date.
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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11 Section 1. Section 921.144, Florida Statutes, is created to
12 read:

13 921.144 Plea agreements; deaths of children.—In a
14 prosecution for an offense in which the victim of the offense
15 was a child who died as a result of the offense, if the state
16 attorney makes a plea agreement with the defendant for a plea of
17 guilty to an offense that is of a lesser statutory degree or
18 that otherwise would subject the offender to lesser penalties
19 than the offense initially charged, the state attorney must
20 provide the court with a written statement of the reasons
21 justifying the plea agreement.

22 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2018.