

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to persons authorized to visit state
 3 juvenile facilities; creating s. 985.6885, F.S.;
 4 authorizing specified persons to visit juvenile
 5 facilities operated by the Department of Juvenile
 6 Justice; prohibiting other persons from visiting such
 7 facilities except according to department regulations;
 8 prohibiting the unreasonable withholding of permission
 9 for visits by certain persons; providing an effective
 10 date.

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

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 14 Section 1. Section 985.6885, Florida Statutes, is created
 15 to read:

16 985.6885 Persons authorized to visit state juvenile
 17 facilities.-

18 (1) The following persons shall be authorized to visit at
 19 their pleasure all state facilities housing juveniles that are
 20 operated by or under contract for the Department of Juvenile
 21 Justice:

- 22 (a) The Governor.
- 23 (b) All Cabinet members.
- 24 (c) Members of the Legislature.
- 25 (d) Judges of state courts.

26 (e) State attorneys.
27 (f) Public defenders.
28 (g) Authorized representatives of the commission.
29 (2) No other person not otherwise authorized by law shall
30 be permitted to enter a facility subject to this section except
31 under such regulations as the department may prescribe.
32 Permission shall not be unreasonably withheld from those who
33 give sufficient evidence to the department that they are bona
34 fide reporters or writers.
35 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.