

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to persons authorized to visit
 3 juvenile facilities; creating s. 985.6885, F.S.;
 4 authorizing specified persons to visit, during certain
 5 hours, all facilities housing juveniles which are
 6 operated or overseen by the Department of Juvenile
 7 Justice or a county; authorizing such persons to visit
 8 the juvenile facilities outside of certain hours
 9 pursuant to department rules; prohibiting the
 10 department from unreasonably withholding permission
 11 for visits to such facilities by certain persons;
 12 requiring the department to adopt rules; providing an
 13 effective date.

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

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 17 Section 1. Section 985.6885, Florida Statutes, is created
 18 to read:

19 985.6885 Persons authorized to visit juvenile facilities.-

20 (1) The following persons may visit at their pleasure
 21 between the hours of 6 a.m. and 11 p.m. all facilities housing
 22 juveniles which are operated or overseen by the department or a
 23 county:

- 24 (a) The Governor.
 25 (b) A Cabinet member.

26 | (c) A member of the Legislature.

27 | (d) A judge of a state court.

28 | (e) A state attorney.

29 | (f) A public defender.

30 | (g) A person authorized by the secretary of the
 31 | department.

32 | (2) A person specified in subsection (1) may visit a
 33 | facility subject to this section before 6 a.m. or after 11 p.m.
 34 | pursuant to rules adopted by the department.

35 | (3) The department may not unreasonably withhold
 36 | permission to visit a facility subject to this section from a
 37 | person who gives sufficient evidence that he or she is a bona
 38 | fide reporter or writer.

39 | (4) The department shall adopt rules to implement this
 40 | section.

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