

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to female inmates with newborn
 3 children; amending s. 944.24, F.S.; providing a
 4 definition; providing rights for female inmates with
 5 newborn children; providing an effective date.

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

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 9 Section 1. Subsection (7) is added to section 944.24,
 10 Florida Statutes, to read:

11 944.24 Administration of correctional institutions for
 12 women.—

13 (7) For purposes of this subsection, the term "newborn"
 14 has the same meaning as provided in s. 383.145(2). Any female
 15 inmate who has given birth to a child within a month before her
 16 arrest or during custody:

17 (a) May be allowed consistent and extended visitation
 18 hours with her newborn child.

19 (b) May be allowed to make physical contact with the
 20 newborn child.

21 (c) May not be relocated after her incarceration while the
 22 child is a newborn.

23 (d) May determine who has custody of the newborn child in
 24 her absence.

25 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.