

By Senator Bracy

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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to inmate placement; amending s.
 3 944.17, F.S.; requiring the Department of Corrections
 4 to confine inmates according to specified locational
 5 requirements by a specified date; providing an
 6 exception; providing an effective date.

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

10 Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 944.17, Florida
 11 Statutes, is amended to read:

12 944.17 Commitments and classification; transfers.—

13 (2) (a) The department shall direct each prisoner committed
 14 to the custody of the department to shall be conveyed to an such
 15 institution, a facility, or a program in the correctional system
 16 ~~as the department shall direct,~~ in accordance with its
 17 classification scheme and the requirements imposed in paragraph
 18 (b).

19 (b) By July 1, 2022, the department shall, subject to the
 20 inmate's custody classification, programmatic needs, and mental
 21 and medical health needs, place each inmate in an institution or
 22 a facility as close as practicable to within 125 driving miles
 23 of the inmate's primary residence. Subject to the inmate's
 24 custody classification, the department shall transfer an inmate
 25 to an institution or a facility that is as close as practicable
 26 to within 125 driving miles of the inmate's primary residence,
 27 unless the inmate chooses to remain at his or her current
 28 institution or facility. This paragraph does not apply to an
 29 inmate who has a department custody classification of close

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30 custody or maximum custody.

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