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101 947.13, and 947.141, F.S.; conforming cross-references 102 to changes made by the act; providing an effective 103 date. 104 105 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 106 107 Section 1. Section 945.0911, Florida Statutes, is created 108 to read: 109 945.0911 Conditional medical release.-110 (1) CREATION.—There is established a conditional medical release program within the department for the purpose of 111 112 determining whether release is appropriate for eligible inmates, 113 supervising the released inmates, and conducting revocation 114 hearings as provided for in this section. The establishment of 115 the conditional medical release program must include a panel of 116 at least three people appointed by the secretary or his or her 117 designee for the purpose of determining the appropriateness of 118 conditional medical release and conducting revocation hearings 119 on the inmate releases. 120 (2) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term: 121 "Inmate with a debilitating illness" means an inmate 122 who is determined to be suffering from a significant terminal or nonterminal condition, disease, or syndrome that has rendered 123 the inmate so physically or cognitively impaired, debilitated, 124 125 or incapacitated as to create a reasonable probability that the

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inmate does not constitute a danger to himself or herself or to others.

- (b) "Permanently incapacitated inmate" means an inmate who has a condition caused by injury, disease, or illness which, to a reasonable degree of medical certainty, renders the inmate permanently and irreversibly physically incapacitated to the extent that the inmate does not constitute a danger to himself or herself or to others.
- (c) "Terminally ill inmate" means an inmate who has a condition caused by injury, disease, or illness that, to a reasonable degree of medical certainty, renders the inmate terminally ill to the extent that there can be no recovery, death is expected within 12 months, and the inmate does not constitute a danger to himself or herself or to others.
- (3) ELIGIBILITY.—An inmate is eligible for consideration for release under the conditional medical release program when the inmate, because of an existing medical or physical condition, is determined by the department to be an inmate with a debilitating illness, a permanently incapacitated inmate, or a terminally ill inmate.
  - (4) REFERRAL FOR CONSIDERATION.—
- (a)1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any inmate in the custody of the department who meets one or more of the eligibility requirements under subsection (3) must be considered for conditional medical release.

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2. The authority to grant conditional medical release rests solely with the department. An inmate does not have a right to release or to a medical evaluation to determine eligibility for release pursuant to this section.

- (b) The department must identify inmates who may be eligible for conditional medical release based upon available medical information. In considering an inmate for conditional medical release, the department may require additional medical evidence, including examinations of the inmate, or any other additional investigations the department deems necessary for determining the appropriateness of the eligible inmate's release.
- (c) The department must refer an inmate to the panel established under subsection (1) for review and determination of conditional medical release upon his or her identification as potentially eligible for release pursuant to this section.
- (d) If the case that resulted in the inmate's commitment to the department involved a victim, and the victim specifically requested notification pursuant to s. 16, Art. I of the State Constitution, the department must notify the victim of the inmate's referral to the panel immediately upon identification of the inmate as potentially eligible for release under this section. Additionally, the victim must be afforded the right to be heard regarding the release of the inmate.
  - (5) DETERMINATION OF RELEASE.

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(a) Within 45 days after receiving the referral, the panel established in subsection (1) must conduct a hearing to determine whether conditional medical release is appropriate for the inmate. Before the hearing, the director of inmate health services or his or her designee must review any relevant information, including, but not limited to, medical evidence, and provide the panel with a recommendation regarding the appropriateness of releasing the inmate pursuant to this section.

- (b) A majority of the panel members must agree that release pursuant to this section is appropriate for the inmate. If conditional medical release is approved, the inmate must be released by the department to the community within a reasonable amount of time with necessary release conditions imposed pursuant to subsection (6). An inmate who is granted conditional medical release is considered a medical releasee upon release to the community.
- (c) An inmate who is denied conditional medical release by the panel may have the decision reviewed by the department's general counsel and chief medical officer, who must make a recommendation to the secretary. The secretary must review all relevant information and make a final decision about the appropriateness of conditional medical release pursuant to this section. The decision of the secretary is a final administrative decision not subject to appeal. An inmate who is denied

conditional medical release may be subsequently reconsidered for such release in a manner prescribed by department rule.

(6) RELEASE CONDITIONS.—

- (a) An inmate granted release pursuant to this section is released for a period equal to the length of time remaining on his or her term of imprisonment on the date the release is granted. Such inmate is considered a medical releasee upon release from the department into the community. The medical releasee must comply with all reasonable conditions of release the department imposes, which must include, at a minimum:
- 1. Periodic medical evaluations at intervals determined by the department at the time of release.
- 2. Supervision by an officer trained to handle special offender caseloads.
- 3. Active electronic monitoring, if such monitoring is determined to be necessary to ensure the safety of the public and the medical releasee's compliance with release conditions.
- 4. Any conditions of community control provided for in s. 948.101.
- 5. Any other conditions the department deems appropriate to ensure the safety of the community and compliance by the medical releasee.
- (b) A medical releasee is considered to be in the care, custody, supervision, and control of the department and remains eligible to earn or lose gain-time in accordance with s. 944.275

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and department rule. The medical releasee may not be counted in the prison system population, and the medical releasee's approved community-based housing location may not be counted in the capacity figures for the prison system.

(7) REVOCATION HEARING AND RECOMMITMENT.-

- (a)1. If the medical releasee's supervision officer discovers that the medical or physical condition of the medical releasee has improved to the extent that he or she would no longer be eligible for release under this section, then the conditional medical release may be revoked. The department may order, as prescribed by department rule, that the medical releasee be returned to the custody of the department for a conditional medical release revocation hearing or may allow the medical releasee to remain in the community pending the revocation hearing.
- 2. The revocation hearing must be conducted by the panel established in subsection (1). Before a revocation hearing pursuant to this paragraph, the director of inmate health services or his or her designee must review any medical evidence pertaining to the medical releasee and provide the panel with a recommendation regarding the medical releasee's improvement and current medical or physical condition.
- 3. A majority of the panel members must agree that revocation is appropriate for the medical release's conditional medical release to be revoked. If conditional medical release is

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revoked due to improvement in his or her medical or physical condition, the medical releasee must be recommitted to the department to serve the balance of his or her sentence with credit for the time served on conditional medical release and without forfeiture of any gain-time accrued before recommitment. If the medical releasee whose conditional medical release is revoked due to an improvement in his or her medical or physical condition would otherwise be eligible for parole or any other release program, he or she may be considered for such release program pursuant to law.

- 4. A medical releasee whose conditional medical release is revoked pursuant to this paragraph may have the decision reviewed by the department's general counsel and chief medical officer, who must make a recommendation to the secretary. The secretary must review all relevant information and make a final decision about the appropriateness of the revocation of conditional medical release pursuant to this paragraph. The decision of the secretary is a final administrative decision not subject to appeal.
- (b) 1. The medical release's conditional medical release may also be revoked for violation of any release conditions the department establishes, including, but not limited to, a new violation of law.
- 2. If the basis of the violation of release conditions is related to a new violation of law, the medical releasee must be

which a judicial determination of probable cause is made. If the judge determines that there was no probable cause for the arrest, the medical releasee may be released. If the judge determines that there was probable cause for the arrest, the judge's determination also constitutes reasonable grounds to believe that the medical releasee violated the conditions of the conditional medical release.

- 3. The department must order that the medical releasee subject to revocation under this paragraph be returned to department custody for a conditional medical release revocation hearing.
- 4. A majority of the panel members must agree that revocation is appropriate for the medical release's conditional medical release to be revoked. If conditional medical release is revoked pursuant to this paragraph, the medical releasee must serve the balance of his or her sentence with credit for the actual time served on conditional medical release. The releasee's gain-time accrued before recommitment may be forfeited pursuant to s. 944.28(1). If the medical releasee whose conditional medical release is revoked subject to this paragraph would otherwise be eligible for parole or any other release program, he or she may be considered for such release program pursuant to law.
  - 5. A medical releasee whose conditional medical release

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has been revoked pursuant to this paragraph may have the revocation reviewed by the department's general counsel, who must make a recommendation to the secretary. The secretary must review all relevant information and make a final decision about the appropriateness of the revocation of conditional medical release pursuant to this paragraph. The decision of the secretary is a final administrative decision not subject to appeal.

- (c) If the medical releasee subject to revocation under paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) elects to proceed with a revocation hearing, the medical releasee must be informed orally and in writing of the following:
- 1. The alleged basis for the pending revocation proceeding against the releasee.
- 2. The releasee's right to be represented by counsel.

  However, this subparagraph does not create a right to publicly

  funded legal counsel.
  - 3. The releasee's right to be heard in person.
- 4. The releasee's right to secure, present, and compel the attendance of witnesses relevant to the proceeding.
- 5. The releasee's right to produce documents on his or her own behalf.
- 6. The releasee's right of access to all evidence used to support the revocation proceeding against the releasee and to confront and cross-examine adverse witnesses.

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326	7. The releasee's right to waive the revocation hearing.
327	(8) SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS UPON AN INMATE'S DIAGNOSIS OF A
328	TERMINAL CONDITION
329	(a) If an inmate is diagnosed with a terminal medical
330	condition that makes him or her eligible for consideration for
331	release under paragraph (2)(c) while in the custody of the
332	department, subject to confidentiality requirements, the
333	department must:
334	1. Notify the inmate's family or next of kin, and
335	attorney, if applicable, of such diagnosis within 72 hours of
336	the diagnosis.
337	2. Provide the inmate's family, including extended family,
338	with an opportunity to visit the inmate in person within 7 days
339	upon such diagnosis.
340	3. Initiate a review for conditional medical release as
341	provided for in this section immediately upon such diagnosis.
342	(b) If the inmate has mental and physical capacity, he or
343	she must consent to release of confidential information for the
344	department to comply with the notification requirements required
345	in this subsection.
346	(9) RULEMAKING AUTHORITY.—The department may adopt rules
347	as necessary to implement this section.
348	Section 2. Section 945.0912, Florida Statutes, is created
349	to read:
350	945.0912 Conditional aging release.

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351	(1) CREATION.—There is established a conditional aging
352	inmate release program within the department for the purpose of
353	determining eligible inmates who are appropriate for such
354	release, supervising the released inmates, and conducting
355	revocation hearings as provided for in this section. The program
356	must include a panel of at least three people appointed by the
357	secretary or his or her designee for the purpose of determining
358	the appropriateness of conditional aging inmate release and
359	conducting revocation hearings on the inmate releases.
360	(2) ELIGIBILITY.—
361	(a) An inmate is eligible for consideration for release
362	under the conditional aging inmate release program when the
363	inmate has reached 70 years of age and has served at least 10
364	years on his or her term of imprisonment.
365	(b) An inmate may not be considered for release through
366	the program if he or she has ever been found guilty of,
367	regardless of adjudication, or entered a plea of nolo contendere
368	or guilty to, or has been adjudicated delinquent for committing:
369	1. A violation of any of the following sections which
370	results in the actual killing of a human being:
371	a. Section 775.33(4).
372	b. Section 782.04(1) or (2).
373	c. Section 782.09.
374	2. Any felony offense that serves as a predicate to
375	registration as a sexual offender in accordance with s.

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376 943.0435; or

- 3. Any similar offense committed in another jurisdiction which would be an offense listed in this paragraph if it had been committed in violation of the laws of this state.
  - (3) REFERRAL FOR CONSIDERATION. -
- (a)1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, an inmate in the custody of the department who is eligible for consideration pursuant to subsection (2) must be considered for conditional aging inmate release.
- 2. The authority to grant conditional aging inmate release rests solely with the department. An inmate does not have a right to such release.
- (b) The department must identify inmates who may be eligible for conditional aging inmate release. In considering an inmate for conditional aging inmate release under the program, the department may require the production of additional evidence or any other additional investigations that the department deems are necessary for determining the appropriateness of the eligible inmate's release.
- (c) The department must refer an inmate to the panel established under subsection (1) for review and determination of conditional aging inmate release upon his or her identification as potentially eligible for release pursuant to this section.
- (d) If the case that resulted in the inmate's commitment to the department involved a victim, and the victim specifically

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requested notification pursuant to s. 16, Art. I of the State

Constitution, the department must notify the victim of the

inmate's referral to the panel immediately upon identification

of the inmate as potentially eligible for release under this

section. Additionally, the victim must be afforded the right to

be heard regarding the release of the inmate.

(4) DETERMINATION OF RELEASE.—

(a) Within 45 days after receiving the referral, the panel

- (a) Within 45 days after receiving the referral, the panel established in subsection (1) must conduct a hearing to determine whether the inmate is appropriate for conditional aging inmate release.
- (b) A majority of the panel members must agree that the inmate is appropriate for release pursuant to this section.
- c) An inmate who is denied conditional aging inmate release by the panel may have the decision reviewed by the department's general counsel, who must make a recommendation to the secretary. The secretary must review all relevant information and make a final decision about the appropriateness of conditional aging inmate release pursuant to this section.

  The decision of the secretary is a final administrative decision not subject to appeal. An inmate who is denied conditional aging inmate release may be subsequently reconsidered for such release in a manner prescribed by rule.
  - (5) RELEASE CONDITIONS.-

(a) An inmate granted release pursuant to this section is

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released for a period equal to the length of time remaining on his or her term of imprisonment on the date the release is granted. The aging releasee must comply with all reasonable conditions of release the department imposes, which must include, at a minimum:

- 1. Supervision by an officer trained to handle special offender caseloads.
- 2. Active electronic monitoring, if such monitoring is determined to be necessary to ensure the safety of the public and the releasee's compliance with release conditions.
- 3. Any conditions of community control provided for in s. 948.101.
- 4. Any other conditions the department deems appropriate to ensure the safety of the community and compliance by the aging releasee.
- (b) An aging releasee is considered to be in the care, custody, supervision, and control of the department and remains eligible to earn or lose gain-time in accordance with s. 944.275 and department rule. The aging releasee may not be counted in the prison system population, and the aging releasee's approved community-based housing location may not be counted in the capacity figures for the prison system.
  - (6) REVOCATION HEARING AND RECOMMITMENT.-
- (a)1. An inmate's conditional aging inmate release may be revoked for a violation of any condition of the release

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established by the department, including, but not limited to, a new violation of law.

- 2. If the basis of the violation of release conditions is related to a new violation of law, the aging releasee must be detained without bond until his or her initial appearance, at which a judicial determination of probable cause is made. If the judge determines that there was no probable cause for the arrest, the aging releasee may be released. If the judge determines that there was probable cause for the arrest, the judge's determination also constitutes reasonable grounds to believe that the offender violated the conditions of the release.
- 3. The department must order that the aging releasee subject to revocation under this paragraph be returned to department custody for a conditional aging inmate release revocation hearing as prescribed by rule.
- 4. A majority of the panel members must agree that revocation is appropriate for the aging releasee's conditional release. If conditional release is revoked pursuant to this paragraph, the aging releasee must serve the balance of his or her sentence with credit for the actual time served on conditional aging inmate release. The releasee's gain-time accrued before recommitment may be forfeited pursuant to s. 944.28(1). If the inmate whose conditional aging inmate release is revoked subject to this paragraph would otherwise be eligible

for parole or any other release program, he or she may be considered for such release program pursuant to law.

- 5. An aging releasee whose release has been revoked pursuant to this paragraph may have the revocation reviewed by the department's general counsel, who must make a recommendation to the secretary. The secretary must review all relevant information and make a final decision about the appropriateness of the revocation of conditional aging inmate release pursuant to this paragraph. The decision of the secretary is a final administrative decision not subject to appeal.
- (b) If the aging releasee subject to revocation under paragraph (a) elects to proceed with a hearing, the releasee must be informed orally and in writing of the following:
- 1. The alleged violation with which the releasee is charged.
- 2. The releasee's right to be represented by counsel.

  However, this subparagraph does not create a right to publicly funded legal counsel.
  - 3. The releasee's right to be heard in person.
- 4. The releasee's right to secure, present, and compel the attendance of witnesses relevant to the proceeding.
- 5. The releasee's right to produce documents on his or her own behalf.
- 6. The releasee's right of access to all evidence used against the releasee and to confront and cross-examine adverse

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501 witnesses. 502 7. The releasee's right to waive the hearing. 503 (7) RULEMAKING AUTHORITY.—The department may adopt rules 504 as necessary to implement this section. 505 Section 3. Section 947.149, Florida Statutes, is repealed. 506 Section 4. Subsection (6) of section 316.1935, Florida 507 Statutes, is amended to read: 508 316.1935 Fleeing or attempting to elude a law enforcement officer; aggravated fleeing or eluding.-509 Notwithstanding s. 948.01, no court may suspend, 510 511 defer, or withhold adjudication of guilt or imposition of 512 sentence for any violation of this section. A person convicted 513 and sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of incarceration under 514 paragraph (3)(b) or paragraph (4)(b) is not eligible for 515 statutory gain-time under s. 944.275 or any form of 516 discretionary early release, other than pardon or executive 517 clemency or conditional medical release under s. 945.0911 s. 518 947.149, prior to serving the mandatory minimum sentence. 519 Section 5. Paragraph (k) of subsection (4) of section 520 775.084, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 521 775.084 Violent career criminals; habitual felony 522 offenders and habitual violent felony offenders; three-time violent felony offenders; definitions; procedure; enhanced 523 524 penalties or mandatory minimum prison terms.-

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(k)1. A defendant sentenced under this section as a habitual felony offender, a habitual violent felony offender, or a violent career criminal is eligible for gain-time granted by the Department of Corrections as provided in s. 944.275(4)(b).

- 2. For an offense committed on or after October 1, 1995, a defendant sentenced under this section as a violent career criminal is not eligible for any form of discretionary early release, other than pardon or executive clemency, or conditional medical release granted pursuant to s. 945.0911 s. 947.149.
- 3. For an offense committed on or after July 1, 1999, a defendant sentenced under this section as a three-time violent felony offender shall be released only by expiration of sentence and shall not be eligible for parole, control release, or any form of early release.

Section 6. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) and paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 775.087, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

775.087 Possession or use of weapon; aggravated battery; felony reclassification; minimum sentence.—

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(b) Subparagraph (a)1., subparagraph (a)2., or subparagraph (a)3. does not prevent a court from imposing a longer sentence of incarceration as authorized by law in addition to the minimum mandatory sentence, or from imposing a sentence of death pursuant to other applicable law. Subparagraph

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(a)1., subparagraph (a)2., or subparagraph (a)3. does not authorize a court to impose a lesser sentence than otherwise required by law.

Notwithstanding s. 948.01, adjudication of guilt or imposition of sentence shall not be suspended, deferred, or withheld, and the defendant is not eligible for statutory gain-time under s. 944.275 or any form of discretionary early release, other than pardon or executive clemency, or conditional medical release under  $\underline{s}$ . 945.0911  $\underline{s}$ . 947.149, prior to serving the minimum sentence.

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(b) Subparagraph (a)1., subparagraph (a)2., or subparagraph (a)3. does not prevent a court from imposing a longer sentence of incarceration as authorized by law in addition to the minimum mandatory sentence, or from imposing a sentence of death pursuant to other applicable law. Subparagraph (a)1., subparagraph (a)2., or subparagraph (a)3. does not authorize a court to impose a lesser sentence than otherwise required by law.

Notwithstanding s. 948.01, adjudication of guilt or imposition of sentence shall not be suspended, deferred, or withheld, and the defendant is not eligible for statutory gain-time under s. 944.275 or any form of discretionary early release, other than

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pardon or executive clemency, or conditional medical release under  $\underline{s.945.0911}$   $\underline{s.947.149}$ , prior to serving the minimum sentence.

- Section 7. Subsection (3) of section 784.07, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 784.07 Assault or battery of law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical care providers, public transit employees or agents, or other specified officers; reclassification of offenses; minimum sentences.—
- (3) Any person who is convicted of a battery under paragraph (2)(b) and, during the commission of the offense, such person possessed:
- (a) A "firearm" or "destructive device" as those terms are defined in s. 790.001, shall be sentenced to a minimum term of imprisonment of 3 years.
- (b) A semiautomatic firearm and its high-capacity detachable box magazine, as defined in s. 775.087(3), or a machine gun as defined in s. 790.001, shall be sentenced to a minimum term of imprisonment of 8 years.

Notwithstanding s. 948.01, adjudication of guilt or imposition of sentence shall not be suspended, deferred, or withheld, and the defendant is not eligible for statutory gain-time under s. 944.275 or any form of discretionary early release, other than pardon or executive clemency, or conditional medical release

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Section 8. Subsection (1) of section 790.235, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

790.235 Possession of firearm or ammunition by violent career criminal unlawful; penalty.—

Any person who meets the violent career criminal criteria under s. 775.084(1)(d), regardless of whether such person is or has previously been sentenced as a violent career criminal, who owns or has in his or her care, custody, possession, or control any firearm, ammunition, or electric weapon or device, or carries a concealed weapon, including a tear gas gun or chemical weapon or device, commits a felony of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. A person convicted of a violation of this section shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum of 15 years' imprisonment; however, if the person would be sentenced to a longer term of imprisonment under s. 775.084(4)(d), the person must be sentenced under that provision. A person convicted of a violation of this section is not eliqible for any form of discretionary early release, other than pardon, executive clemency, or conditional medical release under s. 945.0911 s. 947.149.

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Section 9. Subsection (7) of section 794.0115, Florida

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Statutes, is amended to read:

794.0115 Dangerous sexual felony offender; mandatory sentencing.—

- (7) A defendant sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment under this section is not eligible for statutory gain-time under s. 944.275 or any form of discretionary early release, other than pardon or executive clemency, or conditional medical release under  $\underline{s. 945.0911}$   $\underline{s. 947.149}$ , before serving the minimum sentence.
- Section 10. Paragraphs (b), (c), and (g) of subsection (1) and subsection (3) of section 893.135, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
- 893.135 Trafficking; mandatory sentences; suspension or reduction of sentences; conspiracy to engage in trafficking.—
- (1) Except as authorized in this chapter or in chapter 499 and notwithstanding the provisions of s. 893.13:
- (b) 1. Any person who knowingly sells, purchases, manufactures, delivers, or brings into this state, or who is knowingly in actual or constructive possession of, 28 grams or more of cocaine, as described in s. 893.03(2)(a) 4., or of any mixture containing cocaine, but less than 150 kilograms of cocaine or any such mixture, commits a felony of the first degree, which felony shall be known as "trafficking in cocaine," punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. If the quantity involved:
  - a. Is 28 grams or more, but less than 200 grams, such

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person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 3 years, and the defendant shall be ordered to pay a fine of \$50,000.

- b. Is 200 grams or more, but less than 400 grams, such person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 7 years, and the defendant shall be ordered to pay a fine of \$100,000.
- c. Is 400 grams or more, but less than 150 kilograms, such person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 15 calendar years and pay a fine of \$250,000.
- 2. Any person who knowingly sells, purchases, manufactures, delivers, or brings into this state, or who is knowingly in actual or constructive possession of, 150 kilograms or more of cocaine, as described in s. 893.03(2)(a)4., commits the first degree felony of trafficking in cocaine. A person who has been convicted of the first degree felony of trafficking in cocaine under this subparagraph shall be punished by life imprisonment and is ineligible for any form of discretionary early release except pardon or executive clemency or conditional medical release under s. 945.0911 s. 947.149. However, if the court determines that, in addition to committing any act specified in this paragraph:
- a. The person intentionally killed an individual or counseled, commanded, induced, procured, or caused the intentional killing of an individual and such killing was the

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b. The person's conduct in committing that act led to a natural, though not inevitable, lethal result,

- such person commits the capital felony of trafficking in cocaine, punishable as provided in ss. 775.082 and 921.142. Any person sentenced for a capital felony under this paragraph shall also be sentenced to pay the maximum fine provided under subparagraph 1.
- 3. Any person who knowingly brings into this state 300 kilograms or more of cocaine, as described in s. 893.03(2)(a)4., and who knows that the probable result of such importation would be the death of any person, commits capital importation of cocaine, a capital felony punishable as provided in ss. 775.082 and 921.142. Any person sentenced for a capital felony under this paragraph shall also be sentenced to pay the maximum fine provided under subparagraph 1.
- (c)1. A person who knowingly sells, purchases, manufactures, delivers, or brings into this state, or who is knowingly in actual or constructive possession of, 4 grams or more of any morphine, opium, hydromorphone, or any salt, derivative, isomer, or salt of an isomer thereof, including heroin, as described in s. 893.03(1)(b), (2)(a), (3)(c)3., or (3)(c)4., or 4 grams or more of any mixture containing any such substance, but less than 30 kilograms of such substance or

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mixture, commits a felony of the first degree, which felony shall be known as "trafficking in illegal drugs," punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. If the quantity involved:

- a. Is 4 grams or more, but less than 14 grams, such person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 3 years and shall be ordered to pay a fine of \$50,000.
- b. Is 14 grams or more, but less than 28 grams, such person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 15 years and shall be ordered to pay a fine of \$100,000.
- c. Is 28 grams or more, but less than 30 kilograms, such person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 25 years and shall be ordered to pay a fine of \$500,000.
- 2. A person who knowingly sells, purchases, manufactures, delivers, or brings into this state, or who is knowingly in actual or constructive possession of, 28 grams or more of hydrocodone, as described in s. 893.03(2)(a)1.k., codeine, as described in s. 893.03(2)(a)1.g., or any salt thereof, or 28 grams or more of any mixture containing any such substance, commits a felony of the first degree, which felony shall be known as "trafficking in hydrocodone," punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. If the quantity involved:
  - a. Is 28 grams or more, but less than 50 grams, such

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person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 3 years and shall be ordered to pay a fine of \$50,000.

- b. Is 50 grams or more, but less than 100 grams, such person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 7 years and shall be ordered to pay a fine of \$100,000.
- c. Is 100 grams or more, but less than 300 grams, such person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 15 years and shall be ordered to pay a fine of \$500,000.
- d. Is 300 grams or more, but less than 30 kilograms, such person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 25 years and shall be ordered to pay a fine of \$750,000.
- 3. A person who knowingly sells, purchases, manufactures, delivers, or brings into this state, or who is knowingly in actual or constructive possession of, 7 grams or more of oxycodone, as described in s. 893.03(2)(a)1.q., or any salt thereof, or 7 grams or more of any mixture containing any such substance, commits a felony of the first degree, which felony shall be known as "trafficking in oxycodone," punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. If the quantity involved:
  - a. Is 7 grams or more, but less than 14 grams, such person

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shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 3 years and shall be ordered to pay a fine of \$50,000.

- b. Is 14 grams or more, but less than 25 grams, such person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 7 years and shall be ordered to pay a fine of \$100,000.
- c. Is 25 grams or more, but less than 100 grams, such person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 15 years and shall be ordered to pay a fine of \$500,000.
- d. Is 100 grams or more, but less than 30 kilograms, such person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 25 years and shall be ordered to pay a fine of \$750,000.
- 4.a. A person who knowingly sells, purchases, manufactures, delivers, or brings into this state, or who is knowingly in actual or constructive possession of, 4 grams or more of:
  - (I) Alfentanil, as described in s. 893.03(2)(b)1.;
  - (II) Carfentanil, as described in s. 893.03(2)(b)6.;
    - (III) Fentanyl, as described in s. 893.03(2)(b)9.;
    - (IV) Sufentanil, as described in s. 893.03(2)(b)30.;
  - (V) A fentanyl derivative, as described in s.
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(VI) A controlled substance analog, as described in s.

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- (VII) A mixture containing any substance described in subsub-subparagraphs (I)-(VI),
- commits a felony of the first degree, which felony shall be known as "trafficking in fentanyl," punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.
  - b. If the quantity involved under sub-subparagraph a.:
  - (I) Is 4 grams or more, but less than 14 grams, such person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 3 years, and shall be ordered to pay a fine of \$50,000.
  - (II) Is 14 grams or more, but less than 28 grams, such person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 15 years, and shall be ordered to pay a fine of \$100,000.
  - (III) Is 28 grams or more, such person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 25 years, and shall be ordered to pay a fine of \$500,000.
  - 5. A person who knowingly sells, purchases, manufactures, delivers, or brings into this state, or who is knowingly in actual or constructive possession of, 30 kilograms or more of any morphine, opium, oxycodone, hydrocodone, codeine, hydromorphone, or any salt, derivative, isomer, or salt of an

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isomer thereof, including heroin, as described in s. 893.03(1)(b), (2)(a), (3)(c)3., or (3)(c)4., or 30 kilograms or more of any mixture containing any such substance, commits the first degree felony of trafficking in illegal drugs. A person who has been convicted of the first degree felony of trafficking in illegal drugs under this subparagraph shall be punished by life imprisonment and is ineligible for any form of discretionary early release except pardon or executive clemency or conditional medical release under <a href="mailto:s.945.0911">s.947.149</a>. However, if the court determines that, in addition to committing any act specified in this paragraph:

- a. The person intentionally killed an individual or counseled, commanded, induced, procured, or caused the intentional killing of an individual and such killing was the result; or
- b. The person's conduct in committing that act led to a natural, though not inevitable, lethal result,

such person commits the capital felony of trafficking in illegal drugs, punishable as provided in ss. 775.082 and 921.142. A person sentenced for a capital felony under this paragraph shall also be sentenced to pay the maximum fine provided under subparagraph 1.

6. A person who knowingly brings into this state 60 kilograms or more of any morphine, opium, oxycodone,

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hydrocodone, codeine, hydromorphone, or any salt, derivative, isomer, or salt of an isomer thereof, including heroin, as described in s. 893.03(1)(b), (2)(a), (3)(c)3., or (3)(c)4., or 60 kilograms or more of any mixture containing any such substance, and who knows that the probable result of such importation would be the death of a person, commits capital importation of illegal drugs, a capital felony punishable as provided in ss. 775.082 and 921.142. A person sentenced for a capital felony under this paragraph shall also be sentenced to pay the maximum fine provided under subparagraph 1.

- (g)1. Any person who knowingly sells, purchases, manufactures, delivers, or brings into this state, or who is knowingly in actual or constructive possession of, 4 grams or more of flunitrazepam or any mixture containing flunitrazepam as described in s. 893.03(1)(a) commits a felony of the first degree, which felony shall be known as "trafficking in flunitrazepam," punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. If the quantity involved:
- a. Is 4 grams or more but less than 14 grams, such person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 3 years, and the defendant shall be ordered to pay a fine of \$50,000.
- b. Is 14 grams or more but less than 28 grams, such person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 7 years, and the defendant shall be ordered to pay a fine of

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- c. Is 28 grams or more but less than 30 kilograms, such person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 25 calendar years and pay a fine of \$500,000.
- 2. Any person who knowingly sells, purchases, manufactures, delivers, or brings into this state or who is knowingly in actual or constructive possession of 30 kilograms or more of flunitrazepam or any mixture containing flunitrazepam as described in s. 893.03(1)(a) commits the first degree felony of trafficking in flunitrazepam. A person who has been convicted of the first degree felony of trafficking in flunitrazepam under this subparagraph shall be punished by life imprisonment and is ineligible for any form of discretionary early release except pardon or executive clemency or conditional medical release under s. 945.0911 s. 947.149. However, if the court determines that, in addition to committing any act specified in this paragraph:
- a. The person intentionally killed an individual or counseled, commanded, induced, procured, or caused the intentional killing of an individual and such killing was the result; or
- b. The person's conduct in committing that act led to a natural, though not inevitable, lethal result,
- such person commits the capital felony of trafficking in

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flunitrazepam, punishable as provided in ss. 775.082 and 921.142. Any person sentenced for a capital felony under this paragraph shall also be sentenced to pay the maximum fine provided under subparagraph 1.

- (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 948.01, with respect to any person who is found to have violated this section, adjudication of guilt or imposition of sentence shall not be suspended, deferred, or withheld, nor shall such person be eligible for parole prior to serving the mandatory minimum term of imprisonment prescribed by this section. A person sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment under this section is not eligible for any form of discretionary early release, except pardon or executive clemency or conditional medical release under <u>s. 945.0911</u> s. 947.149, prior to serving the mandatory minimum term of imprisonment.
- Section 11. Subsection (2) of section 921.0024, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 921.0024 Criminal Punishment Code; worksheet computations; scoresheets.—
- (2) The lowest permissible sentence is the minimum sentence that may be imposed by the trial court, absent a valid reason for departure. The lowest permissible sentence is any nonstate prison sanction in which the total sentence points equals or is less than 44 points, unless the court determines within its discretion that a prison sentence, which may be up to

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the statutory maximums for the offenses committed, is appropriate. When the total sentence points exceeds 44 points, the lowest permissible sentence in prison months shall be calculated by subtracting 28 points from the total sentence points and decreasing the remaining total by 25 percent. The total sentence points shall be calculated only as a means of determining the lowest permissible sentence. The permissible range for sentencing shall be the lowest permissible sentence up to and including the statutory maximum, as defined in s. 775.082, for the primary offense and any additional offenses before the court for sentencing. The sentencing court may impose such sentences concurrently or consecutively. However, any sentence to state prison must exceed 1 year. If the lowest permissible sentence under the code exceeds the statutory maximum sentence as provided in s. 775.082, the sentence required by the code must be imposed. If the total sentence points are greater than or equal to 363, the court may sentence the offender to life imprisonment. An offender sentenced to life imprisonment under this section is not eligible for any form of discretionary early release, except executive clemency or conditional medical release under s. 945.0911 s. 947.149. Section 12. Paragraph (b) of subsection (7) of section 944.605, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 944.605 Inmate release; notification; identification card.-

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926	(7)
927	(b) Paragraph (a) does not apply to inmates who:
928	1. The department determines have a valid driver license
929	or state identification card, except that the department shall
930	provide these inmates with a replacement state identification
931	card or replacement driver license, if necessary.
932	2. Have an active detainer, unless the department
33	determines that cancellation of the detainer is likely or that
934	the incarceration for which the detainer was issued will be less
35	than 12 months in duration.
936	3. Are released due to an emergency release or a
937	conditional medical release under <u>s. 945.0911</u> $s. 947.149$ .
938	4. Are not in the physical custody of the department at or
939	within 180 days before release.
940	5. Are subject to sex offender residency restrictions, and
941	who, upon release under such restrictions, do not have a
942	qualifying address.
943	Section 13. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
944	944.70, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
945	944.70 Conditions for release from incarceration
946	(1)
947	(b) A person who is convicted of a crime committed on or
948	after January 1, 1994, may be released from incarceration only:
949	1. Upon expiration of the person's sentence;

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951 accumulated meritorious or incentive gain-time; 952 As directed by an executive order granting clemency; 953 Upon placement in a conditional release program 954 pursuant to s. 947.1405 or a conditional medical release program 955 pursuant to s. 945.0911 s. 947.149; or 956 Upon the granting of control release, including 957 emergency control release, pursuant to s. 947.146. 958 Section 14. Paragraph (h) of subsection (1) of section 959 947.13, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 947.13 Powers and duties of commission. 960 961 (1) The commission shall have the powers and perform the 962 duties of: 963 (h) Determining what persons will be released on 964 conditional medical release under s. 947.149, establishing the 965 conditions of conditional medical release, and determining 966 whether a person has violated the conditions of conditional 967 medical release and taking action with respect to such a 968 violation. 969 Section 15. Section 947.141, Florida Statutes, is amended 970 to read: 971 947.141 Violations of conditional release, control 972 release, or conditional medical release or addiction-recovery 973 supervision.-974 (1) If a member of the commission or a duly authorized 975 representative of the commission has reasonable grounds to

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believe that an offender who is on release supervision under s. 947.1405, s. 947.146, s. 947.149, or s. 944.4731 has violated the terms and conditions of the release in a material respect, such member or representative may cause a warrant to be issued for the arrest of the release; if the offender was found to be a sexual predator, the warrant must be issued.

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Upon the arrest on a felony charge of an offender who is on release supervision under s. 947.1405, s. 947.146, s. 947.149, or s. 944.4731, the offender must be detained without bond until the initial appearance of the offender at which a judicial determination of probable cause is made. If the trial court judge determines that there was no probable cause for the arrest, the offender may be released. If the trial court judge determines that there was probable cause for the arrest, such determination also constitutes reasonable grounds to believe that the offender violated the conditions of the release. Within 24 hours after the trial court judge's finding of probable cause, the detention facility administrator or designee shall notify the commission and the department of the finding and transmit to each a facsimile copy of the probable cause affidavit or the sworn offense report upon which the trial court judge's probable cause determination is based. The offender must continue to be detained without bond for a period not exceeding 72 hours excluding weekends and holidays after the date of the probable cause determination, pending a decision by the

commission whether to issue a warrant charging the offender with violation of the conditions of release. Upon the issuance of the commission's warrant, the offender must continue to be held in custody pending a revocation hearing held in accordance with this section.

- (3) Within 45 days after notice to the Florida Commission on Offender Review of the arrest of a releasee charged with a violation of the terms and conditions of conditional release, control release, conditional medical release, or addiction-recovery supervision, the releasee must be afforded a hearing conducted by a commissioner or a duly authorized representative thereof. If the releasee elects to proceed with a hearing, the releasee must be informed orally and in writing of the following:
- (a) The alleged violation with which the releasee is charged.
  - (b) The releasee's right to be represented by counsel.
  - (c) The releasee's right to be heard in person.
- (d) The releasee's right to secure, present, and compel the attendance of witnesses relevant to the proceeding.
- (e) The releasee's right to produce documents on the releasee's own behalf.
- (f) The releasee's right of access to all evidence used against the releasee and to confront and cross-examine adverse witnesses.

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(g) The releasee's right to waive the hearing.

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- Within a reasonable time following the hearing, the commissioner or the commissioner's duly authorized representative who conducted the hearing shall make findings of fact in regard to the alleged violation. A panel of no fewer than two commissioners shall enter an order determining whether the charge of violation of conditional release, control release, conditional medical release, or addiction-recovery supervision has been sustained based upon the findings of fact presented by the hearing commissioner or authorized representative. By such order, the panel may revoke conditional release, control release, conditional medical release, or addiction-recovery supervision and thereby return the releasee to prison to serve the sentence imposed, reinstate the original order granting the release, or enter such other order as it considers proper. Effective for inmates whose offenses were committed on or after July 1, 1995, the panel may order the placement of a releasee, upon a finding of violation pursuant to this subsection, into a local detention facility as a condition of supervision.
- (5) Effective for inmates whose offenses were committed on or after July 1, 1995, notwithstanding the provisions of ss. 775.08, former 921.001, 921.002, 921.187, 921.188, 944.02, and 951.23, or any other law to the contrary, by such order as provided in subsection (4), the panel, upon a finding of guilt, may, as a condition of continued supervision, place the releasee

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in a local detention facility for a period of incarceration not to exceed 22 months. Prior to the expiration of the term of incarceration, or upon recommendation of the chief correctional officer of that county, the commission shall cause inquiry into the inmate's release plan and custody status in the detention facility and consider whether to restore the inmate to supervision, modify the conditions of supervision, or enter an order of revocation, thereby causing the return of the inmate to prison to serve the sentence imposed. The provisions of this section do not prohibit the panel from entering such other order or conducting any investigation that it deems proper. The commission may only place a person in a local detention facility pursuant to this section if there is a contractual agreement between the chief correctional officer of that county and the Department of Corrections. The agreement must provide for a per diem reimbursement for each person placed under this section, which is payable by the Department of Corrections for the duration of the offender's placement in the facility. This section does not limit the commission's ability to place a person in a local detention facility for less than 1 year.

(6) Whenever a conditional release, control release, conditional medical release, or addiction-recovery supervision is revoked by a panel of no fewer than two commissioners and the releasee is ordered to be returned to prison, the releasee, by reason of the misconduct, shall be deemed to have forfeited all

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gain-time or commutation of time for good conduct, as provided for by law, earned up to the date of release. However, if a conditional medical release is revoked due to the improved medical or physical condition of the release, the releasee shall not forfeit gain-time accrued before the date of conditional medical release. This subsection does not deprive the prisoner of the right to gain-time or commutation of time for good conduct, as provided by law, from the date of return to prison.

(7) If a law enforcement officer has probable cause to believe that an offender who is on release supervision under s. 947.1405, s. 947.146, s. 945.0911, s. 945.0912 s. 947.149, or s. 944.4731 has violated the terms and conditions of his or her release by committing a felony offense, the officer shall arrest the offender without a warrant, and a warrant need not be issued in the case.

Section 16. This act shall take effect October 1, 2020.

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