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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to release from confinement during a
3	state of emergency or a pandemic; creating s. 944.614,
4	F.S.; authorizing the Secretary of Corrections to
5	release prisoners from the correctional system during
6	a state of emergency or a pandemic if they meet
7	specified criteria; creating s. 951.30, F.S.;
8	authorizing each sheriff to release from detention
9	county and municipal prisoners during a state of
10	emergency or a pandemic if they meet specified
11	criteria; creating s. 985.261, F.S.; authorizing the
12	Secretary of Juvenile Justice to release persons it is
13	detaining during a state of emergency or a pandemic if
14	they meet specified criteria; providing an effective
15	date.
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17	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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19	Section 1. Section 944.614, Florida Statutes, is created
20	to read:
21	944.614 Release from incarceration during a state of
22	emergency or a pandemicThe secretary may release a prisoner
23	from the correctional system during a state of emergency or a
24	pandemic if the prisoner meets all of the following criteria:
25	(1) Is nonviolent.

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26	(2) Is of an age or has a preexisting health condition					
27	that makes him or her more susceptible to serious illness,					
28	permanent disability, or death.					
29	(3) Poses no risk or a low risk to himself or herself or					
30	to the public.					
31	Section 2. Section 951.30, Florida Statutes, is created to					
32	read:					
33	951.30 Release from detention during a state of emergency					
34	or a pandemic.—Each sheriff may release from detention any					
35	county prisoner or municipal prisoner, as those terms are					
36	defined in s. 951.23, during a state of emergency or a pandemic					
37	if the prisoner meets all of the following criteria:					
38	(1) Is nonviolent.					
39	(2) Is of an age or has a preexisting health condition					
40	that makes him or her more susceptible to serious illness,					
41	permanent disability, or death.					
42	(3) Poses no risk or a low risk to himself or herself or					
43	to the public.					
44	Section 3. Section 985.261, Florida Statutes, is created					
45	to read:					
46	985.261 Release from detention during a state of emergency					
47	or a pandemic.—The secretary of the department may release any					
48	person detained by the department during a state of emergency or					
49	a pandemic if the person meets all of the following criteria:					
50	(1) Is nonviolent.					
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(2) Is of an age or has a preexisting health condition 51 52 that makes him or her more susceptible to serious illness, permanent disability, or death. 53 (3) Poses no risk or a low risk to himself or herself or 54 55 to the public. 56 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

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