

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to visiting county and municipal
 3 detention facilities; creating s. 951.225, F.S.;
 4 authorizing specified persons to visit at their
 5 pleasure county and municipal detention facilities;
 6 prohibiting persons not otherwise authorized by law
 7 from entering such facilities; providing exceptions;
 8 prohibiting the unreasonable withholding of permission
 9 to enter such facilities from professional journalists
 10 or writers; providing an effective date.

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

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 14 Section 1. Section 951.225, Florida Statutes, is created
 15 to read:

16 951.225 Persons authorized to visit county and municipal
 17 detention facilities.-

18 (1) All of the following persons are authorized to visit
 19 at their pleasure any county or municipal detention facility:

- 20 (a) The Governor.
- 21 (b) Cabinet members.
- 22 (c) Members of the Legislature.
- 23 (d) State court judges.
- 24 (e) State attorneys.
- 25 (f) Public defenders.

26 (2) A person not otherwise authorized by law may not enter
27 a county or municipal detention facility except under such rules
28 or regulations as the county and municipal detention facilities
29 may prescribe. Permission may not be unreasonably withheld from
30 a person who gives sufficient evidence to the facility that he
31 or she is a professional journalist, as defined in s. 90.5015,
32 or a writer.

33 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.