1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to the safe exchange of minor 3 children; providing a short title; amending s. 61.13, 4 F.S.; providing requirements for a parenting plan 5 relating to the exchange of a child; creating s. 6 61.455, F.S.; requiring the court to order the parties 7 in a parenting plan to exchange their child at a 8 neutral safe exchange location or supervised 9 visitation program under certain circumstances; amending s. 125.01, F.S.; requiring sheriffs to 10 11 designate certain areas as neutral safe exchange 12 locations; providing requirements for such areas; 13 amending s. 741.30, F.S.; revising the form for an 14 injunction for protection against domestic violence; 15 requiring court-ordered injunctions for protection 16 against domestic violence to designate certain 17 locations for the exchange of a child of the parties 18 under certain circumstances; providing an effective 19 date. 20 21 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 22 23 Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Cassie Carli Law." 24 25 Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section

Page 1 of 14

61.13, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

61.13 Support of children; parenting and time-sharing; powers of court.—

(2)

26

27

28

29

30

31

32

33

34

35

36

37

38

39

40

41

42

43

44

45

46

47

48

49

50

- (b) A parenting plan approved by the court must, at a minimum, do all of the following:
- 1. Describe in adequate detail how the parents will share and be responsible for the daily tasks associated with the upbringing of the child. \div
- 2. Include the time-sharing schedule arrangements that specify the time that the $\frac{minor}{minor}$ child will spend with each parent.
 - 3. Designate who will be responsible for:
- a. Any and all forms of health care. If the court orders shared parental responsibility over health care decisions, either parent may consent to mental health treatment for the child unless stated otherwise in the parenting plan.
- b. School-related matters, including the address to be used for school-boundary determination and registration.
 - c. Other activities.; and
- 4. Describe in adequate detail the methods and technologies that the parents will use to communicate with the child.
- 5. Unless otherwise agreed to by both parents in writing, designate authorized locations for the exchange of the child.

Page 2 of 14

The court may require the parents to exchange the child at a

51

52

53

54

55

56

57

58

59

60

61

62

63

64

65

66

67

68

69

70

71

72

73

74

75

neutral safe exchange location as provided in s. 125.01(8) or a supervised visitation program as defined in s. 753.01 if, upon the presentation of competent substantial evidence that there is a risk or an imminent threat of harm to one party or the child during the exchange of the child, the court finds that such requirement is necessary to ensure the safety of a parent or the child and that it is in the best interests of the child after consideration of all of the factors listed in subsection (3). Section 3. Section 61.455, Florida Statutes, is created to read: 61.455 Court-ordered parenting plan; neutral safe exchange location or supervised visitation program. - In any proceeding in which the court enters a parenting plan and time-sharing schedule, including in a modification proceeding, upon the presentation of competent substantial evidence that there is a risk or an imminent threat of harm to one party or a child during the exchange of the child and that it is in the best interests of the child after consideration of all of the factors in s. 61.13(3), the court may require the parties to exchange custody of the child at a neutral safe exchange location as provided in s. 125.01(8) or a supervised visitation program as defined in s. 753.01. Competent substantial evidence includes, but is not limited to, a court-ordered injunction for protection under s. 741.30, s. 784.046, or s. 784.0485.

Page 3 of 14

Section 4. Subsection (8) is added to section 125.01, Florida Statutes, to read:

125.01 Powers and duties.-

- (8) (a) Each sheriff shall designate at least one parking lot at the sheriff's office, or substation thereof, as a neutral safe exchange location at which parents who exercise timesharing pursuant to a parenting plan or time-sharing schedule may meet to exchange the minor child.
- (b) Each parking lot designated as a neutral safe exchange location must have a purple light or a sign on the parking lot premises to clearly identify the designated area as a neutral safe exchange location. The neutral safe exchange location must:
 - 1. Be accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- 2. Provide adequate lighting and an external video surveillance system that records continuously, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- 3. Provide at least one camera that is fixed on the parking lot, is able to record the area in the vicinity of the purple light or sign during both day and night, records images that clearly and accurately display the time and date, and retains video surveillance recordings or images for at least 45 days.
- Section 5. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3), paragraph (a) of subsection (5), and paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (6) of section 741.30, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

Page 4 of 14

101	741.30 Domestic violence; injunction; powers and duties of
102	court and clerk; petition; notice and hearing; temporary
103	injunction; issuance of injunction; statewide verification
L O 4	system; enforcement; public records exemption
105	(3)
106	(b) The sworn petition shall be in substantially the
107	following form:
108	PETITION FOR
109	INJUNCTION FOR PROTECTION
110	AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
111	Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared
112	Petitioner \dots (Name) \dots , who has been sworn and says that the
113	following statements are true:
114	(a) Petitioner resides at:(address)
115	(Petitioner may furnish address to the court in a separate
116	confidential filing if, for safety reasons, the petitioner
L17	requires the location of the current residence to be
118	confidential.)
L19	(b) Respondent resides at:(last known address)
120	(c) Respondent's last known place of employment: (name
121	of business and address)
122	(d) Physical description of respondent:
123	Race
L24	Sex
125	Date of birth

Page 5 of 14

126	Height
127	Weight
128	Eye color
129	Hair color
130	Distinguishing marks or scars
131	(e) Aliases of respondent:
132	(f) Respondent is the spouse or former spouse of the
133	petitioner or is any other person related by blood or marriage
134	to the petitioner or is any other person who is or was residing
135	within a single dwelling unit with the petitioner, as if a
136	family, or is a person with whom the petitioner has a child in
137	common, regardless of whether the petitioner and respondent are
138	or were married or residing together, as if a family.
139	(g) The following describes any other cause of action
L40	currently pending between the petitioner and respondent:
141	
142	The petitioner should also describe any previous or pending
143	attempts by the petitioner to obtain an injunction for
L 4 4	protection against domestic violence in this or any other
L45	circuit, and the results of that attempt:
L46	
L47	Case numbers should be included if available.
L48	(h) Petitioner is either a victim of domestic violence or
L49	has reasonable cause to believe he or she is in imminent danger
150	of becoming a victim of domestic violence because respondent

Page 6 of 14

151	has: (mark all sections that apply and describe in the spaces
152	below the incidents of violence or threats of violence,
153	specifying when and where they occurred, including, but not
154	limited to, locations such as a home, school, place of
155	employment, or visitation exchange)
156	
157	
158	committed or threatened to commit domestic violence
159	defined in s. 741.28, Florida Statutes, as any assault,
160	aggravated assault, battery, aggravated battery, sexual assault,
161	sexual battery, stalking, aggravated stalking, kidnapping, false
162	imprisonment, or any criminal offense resulting in physical
163	injury or death of one family or household member by another.
164	With the exception of persons who are parents of a child in
165	common, the family or household members must be currently
166	residing or have in the past resided together in the same single
L67	dwelling unit.
168	previously threatened, harassed, stalked, or physically
169	abused the petitioner.
L70	attempted to harm the petitioner or family members or
171	individuals closely associated with the petitioner.
172	threatened to conceal, kidnap, or harm the petitioner's
173	child or children.
L74	intentionally injured or killed a family pet.
175	used, or has threatened to use, against the petitioner

Page 7 of 14

L76	any weapons such as guns or knives.
L77	physically restrained the petitioner from leaving the
L78	home or calling law enforcement.
L79	a criminal history involving violence or the threat of
180	violence (if known).
181	another order of protection issued against him or her
182	previously or from another jurisdiction (if known).
183	destroyed personal property, including, but not limited
184	to, telephones or other communication equipment, clothing, or
185	other items belonging to the petitioner.
186	engaged in a pattern of abusive, threatening,
187	intimidating, or controlling behavior composed of a series of
188	acts over a period of time, however short.
L89	engaged in any other behavior or conduct that leads the
190	petitioner to have reasonable cause to believe he or she is in
191	imminent danger of becoming a victim of domestic violence.
192	(i) Petitioner alleges the following additional specific
193	facts: (mark appropriate sections)
L94	A minor child or minor children reside with the
195	petitioner whose names and ages are as follows:
196	
L97	Petitioner needs the exclusive use and possession of
198	the dwelling that the parties share.
199	Petitioner is unable to obtain safe alternative housing
200	because:

Page 8 of 14

201

202	Petitioner genuinely fears that respondent imminently
203	will abuse, remove, or hide the minor child or children from
204	petitioner because:
205	
206	(j) Petitioner genuinely fears imminent domestic violence
207	by respondent.
208	(k) Petitioner seeks an injunction: (mark appropriate
209	section or sections)
210	Immediately restraining the respondent from committing
211	any acts of domestic violence.
212	Restraining the respondent from committing any acts of
213	domestic violence.
214	Awarding to the petitioner the temporary exclusive use
215	and possession of the dwelling that the parties share or
216	excluding the respondent from the residence of the petitioner.
217	Providing a temporary parenting plan, including a
218	temporary time-sharing schedule, with regard to the minor child
219	or children of the parties which might involve prohibiting or
220	limiting time-sharing or requiring that it be supervised by a
221	third party.
222	If temporary time-sharing of the child is awarded to
223	the respondent, designating that the exchange of the minor child
224	or children of the parties must occur at a neutral safe exchange
225	location as provided in s. 125.01(8) or a supervised visitation

Page 9 of 14

226 program as defined in s. 753.01.

-Establishing temporary support for the minor child or children or the petitioner.
-Directing the respondent to participate in a batterers' intervention program.
-Providing any terms the court deems necessary for the protection of a victim of domestic violence, or any minor children of the victim, including any injunctions or directives to law enforcement agencies.
- (5)(a) If it appears to the court that an immediate and present danger of domestic violence exists, the court may grant a temporary injunction ex parte, pending a full hearing, and may grant such relief as the court deems proper, including an injunction:
- 1. Restraining the respondent from committing any acts of domestic violence.
- 2. Awarding to the petitioner the temporary exclusive use and possession of the dwelling that the parties share or excluding the respondent from the residence of the petitioner.
- 3. On the same basis as provided in s. 61.13, providing the petitioner a temporary parenting plan, including a time-sharing schedule, which may award the petitioner up to 100 percent of the time-sharing. If temporary time-sharing is awarded to the respondent, the exchange of the child must occur at a neutral safe exchange location as provided in s. 125.01(8)

Page 10 of 14

or a supervised visitation program as defined in s. 753.01 if the court determines it is in the best interests of the child after consideration of all of the factors in s. 61.13(3). The temporary parenting plan remains in effect until the order expires or an order is entered by a court of competent jurisdiction in a pending or subsequent civil action or proceeding affecting the placement of, access to, parental time with, adoption of, or parental rights and responsibilities for the minor child.

- 4. If the petitioner and respondent have an existing parenting plan or time-sharing schedule under another court order, designating that the exchange of the minor child or children of the parties must occur at a neutral safe exchange location as provided in s. 125.01(8) or a supervised visitation program as defined in s. 753.01 if the court determines it is in the best interests of the child after consideration of all of the factors in s. 61.13(3).
- 5.4. Awarding to the petitioner the temporary exclusive care, possession, or control of an animal that is owned, possessed, harbored, kept, or held by the petitioner, the respondent, or a minor child residing in the residence or household of the petitioner or respondent. The court may order the respondent to temporarily have no contact with the animal and prohibit the respondent from taking, transferring, encumbering, concealing, harming, or otherwise disposing of the

Page 11 of 14

animal. This subparagraph does not apply to an animal owned primarily for a bona fide agricultural purpose, as defined under s. 193.461, or to a service animal, as defined under s. 413.08, if the respondent is the service animal's handler.

- (6)(a) Upon notice and hearing, when it appears to the court that the petitioner is either the victim of domestic violence as defined by s. 741.28 or has reasonable cause to believe he or she is in imminent danger of becoming a victim of domestic violence, the court may grant such relief as the court deems proper, including an injunction:
- 1. Restraining the respondent from committing any acts of domestic violence.
- 2. Awarding to the petitioner the exclusive use and possession of the dwelling that the parties share or excluding the respondent from the residence of the petitioner.
- 3. On the same basis as provided in chapter 61, providing the petitioner with 100 percent of the time-sharing in a temporary parenting plan that remains in effect until the order expires or an order is entered by a court of competent jurisdiction in a pending or subsequent civil action or proceeding affecting the placement of, access to, parental time with, adoption of, or parental rights and responsibilities for the minor child.
- 4. If the petitioner and respondent have an existing parenting plan or time-sharing schedule under another court

Page 12 of 14

order, designating that the exchange of the minor child or children of the parties must occur at a neutral safe exchange location as provided in s. 125.01(8) or a supervised visitation program as defined in s. 753.01 if the court determines it is in the best interests of the child after consideration of all of the factors in s. 61.13(3).

- 5.4. On the same basis as provided in chapter 61, establishing temporary support for a minor child or children or the petitioner. An order of temporary support remains in effect until the order expires or an order is entered by a court of competent jurisdiction in a pending or subsequent civil action or proceeding affecting child support.
- 6.5. Ordering the respondent to participate in treatment, intervention, or counseling services to be paid for by the respondent. When the court orders the respondent to participate in a batterers' intervention program, the court, or any entity designated by the court, must provide the respondent with a list of batterers' intervention programs from which the respondent must choose a program in which to participate.
- 7.6. Referring a petitioner to a certified domestic violence center. The court must provide the petitioner with a list of certified domestic violence centers in the circuit which the petitioner may contact.
- 8.7. Awarding to the petitioner the exclusive care, possession, or control of an animal that is owned, possessed,

Page 13 of 14

harbored, kept, or held by the petitioner, the respondent, or a minor child residing in the residence or household of the petitioner or respondent. The court may order the respondent to have no contact with the animal and prohibit the respondent from taking, transferring, encumbering, concealing, harming, or otherwise disposing of the animal. This subparagraph does not apply to an animal owned primarily for a bona fide agricultural purpose, as defined under s. 193.461, or to a service animal, as defined under s. 413.08, if the respondent is the service animal's handler.

- 9.8. Ordering such other relief as the court deems necessary for the protection of a victim of domestic violence, including injunctions or directives to law enforcement agencies, as provided in this section.
- (c) The terms of an injunction restraining the respondent under subparagraph (a)1. or ordering other relief for the protection of the victim under subparagraph (a)9.(a)8. shall remain in effect until modified or dissolved. Either party may move at any time to modify or dissolve the injunction. No specific allegations are required. Such relief may be granted in addition to other civil or criminal remedies.
 - Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

Page 14 of 14