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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to arrest warrants for state
3 prisoners; creating s. 944.085, F.S.; authorizing a
4 prisoner in a state prison who has an unserved warrant
5 to file a notice of unserved warrant in the circuit
6 court in which the warrant was issued; requiring the
7 prisoner to serve the notice on the state attorney;
8 requiring the circuit court to schedule the notice for
9 a status hearing within a certain timeframe after
10 receiving the notice; specifying procedures and
11 requirements for the status hearing; requiring the
12 court to send an order to the county sheriff;
13 providing an effective date.

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

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17 Section 1. Section 944.085, Florida Statutes, is created to
18 read:

19 944.085 Unserved warrants of state prisoners.—

20 (1) A prisoner in a state prison who has an unserved
21 warrant for his or her arrest in this state may file a state
22 prisoner's notice of unserved warrant in the circuit court of
23 the judicial circuit in which the unserved warrant was issued.

24 (2) The prisoner must serve the notice upon the state
25 attorney of the circuit. The circuit court shall schedule the
26 notice for a status hearing within 90 days after receiving the
27 notice. The prisoner may not be transported to the status
28 hearing. At the status hearing, the state attorney shall inform
29 the court as to whether there is an unserved warrant for the

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30 arrest of the prisoner.

31 (3) If a warrant exists, the court must enter an order
32 within 30 days after the status hearing for the transport of the
33 prisoner to the county jail of the county that issued the
34 warrant and the court shall send the order to the county sheriff
35 for execution.

36 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.