

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to violent criminal offenses;  
3           providing a short title; amending s. 365.171, F.S.;  
4           requiring the emergency communications state plan to  
5           include a system or process to flag specified  
6           addresses; requiring such system to correspond between  
7           all emergency services; providing that an address  
8           remains flagged for a specified period of time;  
9           providing that such period of time resets under  
10          certain circumstances; requiring counties to integrate  
11          such system or process in accordance with the county's  
12          resources and availability; amending s. 401.27, F.S.;  
13          requiring the Department of Health to establish  
14          certain training criteria by rule; requiring emergency  
15          medical technicians and paramedics to complete  
16          training in the subject of domestic violence, dating  
17          violence, and strangulation for certification and  
18          recertification; providing requirements for such  
19          training; requiring emergency medical technicians and  
20          paramedics who are trained outside this state or in  
21          the military to provide proof of successful completion  
22          of such training; amending s. 633.408, F.S.; requiring  
23          the Division of State Fire Marshal within the  
24          Department of Financial Services to establish certain  
25          training courses by rule; requiring the division to

26 provide training on the subject of domestic violence,  
27 dating violence, and strangulation for the  
28 certification of career and volunteer firefighters;  
29 providing requirements for such training; amending s.  
30 741.28, F.S.; revising the definition of the term  
31 "domestic violence"; defining the term "electronic  
32 monitoring"; amending s. 741.281, F.S.; authorizing,  
33 and in certain circumstances requiring, a court to  
34 order electronic monitoring in domestic violence  
35 cases; creating s. 741.282, F.S.; authorizing certain  
36 persons to participate in a domestic violence  
37 diversion program; requiring the Department of  
38 Corrections to supervise such diversion programs;  
39 providing conditions a person must accept in order to  
40 participate in a diversion program; providing  
41 requirements for a person participating in a diversion  
42 program; requiring a qualified professional to provide  
43 a treatment plan under certain circumstances;  
44 requiring a qualified professional to file with the  
45 court weekly treatment progress reports based on a  
46 specified determination; requiring a qualified  
47 professional to make a specified certification to the  
48 court; requiring the court to make certain written  
49 findings; providing requirements for the court based  
50 on whether a person successfully completes the

51 diversion program; amending s. 741.283, F.S.;

52 requiring the court to impose certain sentences if a

53 person does not participate in a domestic violence

54 diversion program; amending s. 741.29, F.S.; revising

55 the information a law enforcement officer must provide

56 to a victim of an alleged incident of domestic

57 violence; requiring, if a lethality assessment is

58 performed, a law enforcement officer to provide a

59 specified statement to a victim and the aggressor;

60 authorizing a law enforcement officer or designated

61 liaison to follow up with a victim within a specified

62 amount of time after a written police report is filed;

63 providing requirements for such follow up; requiring

64 law enforcement officers to have their body camera

65 turned on and recording when investigating an

66 allegation of an incident of domestic violence;

67 amending s. 741.30, F.S.; revising the information

68 contained in a petition for injunction for protection

69 against domestic violence; revising the name of the

70 statewide verification system created within the

71 Department of Law Enforcement; amending s. 741.31,

72 F.S.; providing for enhanced penalties for a violation

73 of an injunction for protection against domestic

74 violence; authorizing, and in certain circumstances

75 requiring, a court to order electronic monitoring for

76 a specified duration in domestic violence cases;  
77 requiring the respondent to pay for such electronic  
78 monitoring services; amending s. 784.046, F.S.;  
79 revising the information contained in a petition for  
80 injunction for protection against repeat violence,  
81 sexual violence, or dating violence; revising the  
82 information a law enforcement officer must provide to  
83 a victim of an alleged incident of dating violence;  
84 requiring a law enforcement officer to administer a  
85 lethality assessment in an alleged incident of dating  
86 violence; requiring law enforcement officers to have  
87 their body camera turned on and recording when  
88 investigating an allegation of an incident of dating  
89 violence; amending s. 784.047, F.S.; providing for  
90 enhanced penalties for a violation of an injunction  
91 for protection against dating violence; authorizing,  
92 and in certain circumstances requiring, a court to  
93 order electronic monitoring for a specified duration  
94 in dating violence cases; amending s. 960.198, F.S.;  
95 increasing the dollar amounts for relocation  
96 assistance for victims of domestic violence; amending  
97 ss. 921.0024, 943.0584, and 943.171, F.S.; conforming  
98 cross-references; providing an effective date.

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

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**Section 1.** This act may be cited as the "Domestic  
Emergency and Batterers Reform and Accountability Act."

**Section 2. Subsection (6) of section 365.171, Florida  
Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (e) is added to subsection  
(4) of that section, to read:**

365.171 Emergency communications state plan.—

(4) STATE PLAN.—The office shall develop, maintain, and  
implement appropriate modifications for a statewide emergency  
communications plan. The plan shall provide for:

(e) A system or process to flag addresses at which a "911"  
call was placed to local emergency services to report that an  
incident of domestic violence or dating violence has occurred.  
Such system must correspond between all emergency services,  
including, but not limited to, law enforcement, firefighting,  
emergency medical services, poison control, suicide prevention,  
and emergency management services. An address must remain  
flagged in the system for at least 1 year after the "911" call  
was placed that initiated the flag. The 1-year time period  
resets after each call relating to an allegation of an incident  
of domestic violence or dating violence at the same address.

The office shall be responsible for the implementation and  
coordination of such plan. The office shall adopt any necessary  
rules and schedules related to public agencies for implementing

126 and coordinating the plan, pursuant to chapter 120.

127 (6) REGIONAL SYSTEMS.—This section does not prohibit or  
128 discourage the formation of multijurisdictional or regional  
129 systems; and any system established pursuant to this section may  
130 include the jurisdiction, or any portion thereof, of more than  
131 one public agency. It is the intent of the Legislature that  
132 emergency communications services be available throughout the  
133 state. Expenditure by counties of the fee authorized and imposed  
134 under s. 365.172 should support this intent to the greatest  
135 extent feasible within the context of local service needs and  
136 fiscal capability. Each county shall integrate the system or  
137 process created in paragraph (4) (e) based on the county's  
138 resources and availability. This section does not prohibit two  
139 or more counties from establishing a combined emergency  
140 communications service by an interlocal agreement and using the  
141 fees authorized and imposed by s. 365.172 for such combined  
142 service.

143 **Section 3. Subsections (4), (5), and (11) of section**  
144 **401.27, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph (c) is**  
145 **added to subsection (2) of that section, to read:**

146 401.27 Personnel; standards and certification.—

147 (2) The department shall establish by rule educational and  
148 training criteria and examinations for the certification and  
149 recertification of emergency medical technicians and paramedics.  
150 Such rules must require, but need not be limited to:

151 (c) For emergency medical technicians and paramedics, a  
152 training program approved by the department for instruction in  
153 the subject of domestic violence, dating violence, and  
154 strangulation.

155 (4) An applicant for certification or recertification as  
156 an emergency medical technician or paramedic must do all of the  
157 following:

158 (a) Have completed an appropriate training program as  
159 follows:

160 1. For an emergency medical technician, an emergency  
161 medical technician training program approved by the department  
162 as equivalent to the most recent EMT-Basic National Standard  
163 Curriculum or the National EMS Education Standards of the United  
164 States Department of Transportation; or

165 2. For a paramedic, a paramedic training program approved  
166 by the department as equivalent to the most recent EMT-Paramedic  
167 National Standard Curriculum or the National EMS Education  
168 Standards of the United States Department of Transportation.†

169 (b) Have completed a training program approved by the  
170 department for instruction in the subject of domestic violence,  
171 dating violence, and strangulation.

172 1. Beginning July 1, 2026, emergency medical technicians  
173 and paramedics seeking initial certification must complete a  
174 minimum of 2 hours of training in handling domestic violence,  
175 dating violence, and strangulation cases.

176           2. Emergency medical technicians and paramedics who were  
177 certified before July 1, 2026, must complete a minimum of 2  
178 hours of training in handling domestic violence, dating  
179 violence, and strangulation cases during the refresher training  
180 program required under subsection (5).

181           (c)~~(b)~~ Attest that he or she is not addicted to alcohol or  
182 any controlled substance.†

183           (d)~~(e)~~ Attest that he or she is free from any physical or  
184 mental defect or disease that might impair the applicant's  
185 ability to perform his or her duties.†

186           (e)~~(d)~~ Within 2 years after program completion have passed  
187 an examination developed or required by the department.†

188           (f)~~(e)~~1. For an emergency medical technician, hold a  
189 current American Heart Association cardiopulmonary resuscitation  
190 course card or an American Red Cross cardiopulmonary  
191 resuscitation course card or its equivalent as defined by  
192 department rule; or

193           2. For a paramedic, hold a certificate of successful  
194 course completion in advanced cardiac life support from the  
195 American Heart Association or its equivalent as defined by  
196 department rule.†

197           (g)~~(f)~~ Submit the certification fee and the nonrefundable  
198 examination fee prescribed in s. 401.34, which examination fee  
199 will be required for each examination administered to an  
200 applicant.†~~and~~



201        ~~(g)~~ (h) Submit a completed application to the department,  
202 which application documents compliance with paragraphs (a), (b),  
203 (c), ~~(e)~~, (f), (g), and this paragraph, and, if applicable,  
204 paragraph (e) ~~(d)~~.

205        (5) (a) The department shall establish by rule a procedure  
206 for biennial renewal certification of emergency medical  
207 technicians. Such rules must require a United States Department  
208 of Transportation refresher training program of at least 30  
209 hours and a 2-hour training program for instruction in the  
210 subject of domestic violence, dating violence, and strangulation  
211 as approved by the department every 2 years. The refresher  
212 program may be offered in multiple presentations spread over the  
213 2-year period. The rules must also provide that the refresher  
214 course requirement may be satisfied by passing a challenge  
215 examination.

216        (b) The department shall establish by rule a procedure for  
217 biennial renewal certification of paramedics. Such rules must  
218 require candidates for renewal to have taken at least 30 hours  
219 of continuing education units and a 2-hour training program for  
220 instruction in the subject of domestic violence, dating  
221 violence, and strangulation during the 2-year period. The rules  
222 must provide that the continuing education requirement may be  
223 satisfied by passing a challenge examination.

224        (11) An applicant for certification as an emergency  
225 medical technician or a paramedic who is trained outside the

226 | state, or trained in the military, must provide proof of a  
227 | current, nationally recognized emergency medical technician or  
228 | paramedic certification or registration that is recognized by  
229 | the department and based upon successful completion of a  
230 | training program approved by the department as being equivalent  
231 | to the most recent EMT-Basic or EMT-Paramedic National Standard  
232 | Curriculum or the National EMS Education Standards of the United  
233 | States Department of Transportation and hold a current  
234 | certificate of successful course completion in cardiopulmonary  
235 | resuscitation (CPR) or advanced cardiac life support for  
236 | emergency medical technicians or paramedics, respectively, to be  
237 | eligible for the certification. An applicant for certification  
238 | as an emergency medical technician or a paramedic who is trained  
239 | outside this state, or trained in the military, must provide  
240 | proof of successful completion of a training program that  
241 | included instruction on the subject of domestic violence, dating  
242 | violence, and strangulation as required under paragraph (4) (b).

243 |       **Section 4. Subsection (9) of section 633.408, Florida**  
244 | **Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (10), paragraph (e) is**  
245 | **added to subsection (1), and a new subsection (9) is added to**  
246 | **that section, to read:**

247 |       633.408 Firefighter and volunteer firefighter training and  
248 | certification.—

249 |       (1) The division shall establish by rule:

250 |       (e) Courses to provide training for career and volunteer

251 firefighters on the subject of domestic violence, dating  
252 violence, and strangulation. Such training must be a requirement  
253 for obtaining a Firefighter Certificate of Compliance, a  
254 Volunteer Firefighter Certificate of Completion, or a Special  
255 Certificate of Compliance.

256 (9) The division shall establish a program to provide  
257 training in the subject of domestic violence, dating violence,  
258 and strangulation for career and volunteer firefighters.

259 (a) Beginning July 1, 2026, career and volunteer  
260 firefighters seeking initial certification must complete a  
261 minimum of 2 hours of training in handling domestic violence,  
262 dating violence, and strangulation cases.

263 (b) Career and volunteer firefighters who were certified  
264 before July 1, 2026, must complete a minimum of 2 hours of  
265 training in handling domestic violence, dating violence, and  
266 strangulation cases during the continuing training required  
267 under paragraph (1)(c).

268 **Section 5. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 741.28,**  
269 **Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (4) and (5),**  
270 **respectively, subsection (2) is amended, and a new subsection**  
271 **(3) is added to that section, to read:**

272 741.28 Domestic violence; definitions.—As used in ss.  
273 741.28-741.31:

274 (2) "Domestic violence" means any ~~assault, aggravated~~  
275 ~~assault, battery, aggravated battery, sexual assault, sexual~~

276 ~~battery, stalking, aggravated stalking, kidnapping, false~~  
 277 ~~imprisonment, or any~~ criminal offense resulting in physical  
 278 injury or death of one family or household member by another  
 279 family or household member. The term includes, but is not  
 280 limited to, the following criminal offenses:

- 281 (a) Assault.
- 282 (b) Aggravated assault.
- 283 (c) Battery.
- 284 (d) Aggravated battery.
- 285 (e) Battery by strangulation.
- 286 (f) Domestic battery by strangulation.
- 287 (g) Sexual assault.
- 288 (h) Sexual battery.
- 289 (i) Stalking.
- 290 (j) Aggravated stalking.
- 291 (k) Child abuse.
- 292 (l) Aggravated child abuse.
- 293 (m) Kidnapping.
- 294 (n) False imprisonment.
- 295 (o) Violation of an injunction for protection against  
 296 domestic violence, repeat violence, dating violence, sexual  
 297 violence, or stalking.
- 298 (p) Criminal mischief.
- 299 (q) Installation or use of tracking devices or tracking  
 300 applications.

301       (r) Sexual cyberharassment.  
 302       (s) Cyberstalking.  
 303       (t) Offenses against users of computers, computer systems,  
 304 computer networks, and electronic devices.

305       (u) Cruelty to animals.

306       (3) "Electronic monitoring" means tracking the location of  
 307 a person through the use of technology that is capable of  
 308 determining or identifying the monitored person's presence or  
 309 absence at a particular location, including, but not limited to:

310       (a) Radio frequency signaling technology, which detects if  
 311 the monitored person is or is not at an approved location and  
 312 notifies the monitoring agency of the time that the monitored  
 313 person either leaves the approved location or tampers with or  
 314 removes the monitoring device; or

315       (b) Active or passive global positioning system  
 316 technology, which detects the location of the monitored person  
 317 and notifies the monitoring agency of the monitored person's  
 318 location and which may also include electronic monitoring with  
 319 victim notification technology that is capable of notifying a  
 320 victim or protected party, either directly or through a  
 321 monitoring agency, if the monitored person enters within the  
 322 restricted distance of a victim or protected party or within the  
 323 restricted distance of a designated location.

324       **Section 6. Section 741.281, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
 325 **to read:**

326           741.281 Court to order batterers' intervention program  
327 attendance; electronic monitoring.—

328           (1) If a person is found guilty of, has adjudication  
329 withheld on, or pleads nolo contendere to a crime of domestic  
330 violence, ~~as defined in s. 741.28,~~ that person shall be ordered  
331 by the court to a minimum term of 1 year's probation and the  
332 court shall order that the defendant attend and complete a  
333 batterers' intervention program as a condition of probation. The  
334 court must impose the condition of the batterers' intervention  
335 program for a defendant under this section, but the court, in  
336 its discretion, may determine not to impose the condition if it  
337 states on the record why a batterers' intervention program might  
338 be inappropriate. The court must impose the condition of the  
339 batterers' intervention program for a defendant placed on  
340 probation unless the court determines that the person does not  
341 qualify for the batterers' intervention program pursuant to s.  
342 741.325. The imposition of probation under this section does not  
343 preclude the court from imposing any sentence of imprisonment  
344 authorized by s. 775.082.

345           (2) If a person is found guilty of, has adjudication  
346 withheld on, or pleads nolo contendere to a crime of domestic  
347 violence, the court may order the person to have electronic  
348 monitoring supervision. The court must order electronic  
349 monitoring supervision in the following situations:

350           (a) The court finds there is clear and convincing evidence

351 that the defendant poses a continuing threat to the victim;

352 (b) The defendant has previously violated an injunction  
353 for protection against domestic violence, dating violence,  
354 repeat violence, sexual violence, or stalking; or

355 (c) During a lethality assessment, if performed, there is  
356 evidence of strangulation or other indications that warrant a  
357 higher level of concern for the well-being of the petitioner.

358 **Section 7. Section 741.282, Florida Statutes, is created**  
359 **to read:**

360 741.282 Domestic violence diversion program.—

361 (1) If a diversion program is available and a person meets  
362 the eligibility criteria, the court or state attorney may enter  
363 into a written agreement with the person to participate in a  
364 domestic violence diversion program. The Department of  
365 Corrections shall supervise the domestic violence diversion  
366 programs.

367 (2) A person is eligible to participate in a domestic  
368 violence diversion program if the person is charged with the  
369 commission of a misdemeanor of domestic violence under s. 741.31  
370 and the person is a first-time domestic violence offender.

371 (3) The written diversion agreement must include all of  
372 the following conditions, which must be accepted by the person:

373 (a) The person admits his or her guilt.

374 (b) The person agrees to attend and participate in a  
375 domestic violence diversion program.

376 (c) The person knowingly signs a waiver of his or her  
377 right to a speedy trial for the period of his or her diversion.

378 (4) A person who participates in a domestic violence  
379 diversion program must:

380 (a) Appear before the court within 45 days after entering  
381 the domestic violence diversion program to determine the  
382 person's compliance with the conditions and requirements of the  
383 written diversion agreement. The court may set additional status  
384 hearings to monitor the person's progress in the diversion  
385 program.

386 (b) Complete the domestic violence diversion program  
387 within 1 year after the person enters the diversion program.

388 (c) Complete a batterers' intervention program within 9  
389 months after the person enters the diversion program.

390 (d) Participate in a clinical assessment conducted by a  
391 qualified professional as defined in s. 39.01 to determine if  
392 the person has mental health or substance use issues.

393 (5) If a qualified professional determines, after the  
394 clinical assessment required under paragraph (4) (d), that the  
395 person has mental health or substance use issues, the qualified  
396 professional must provide a treatment plan for the person. A  
397 qualified professional who provides a treatment plan for a  
398 person in the diversion program must provide to the court weekly  
399 treatment progress reports.

400 (6) At the end of the domestic violence diversion program,



401 the qualified professional must certify to the court that the  
402 person has complied with all requirements of the treatment plan.  
403 The court shall consider the recommendation of the state  
404 attorney as to the disposition of the pending charges and  
405 determine, by written finding, whether the person successfully  
406 completed the domestic violence diversion program. The court  
407 must dismiss the charges upon finding the person has  
408 successfully completed the diversion program. If the court finds  
409 that the person has not successfully completed the diversion  
410 program, the court must return the charges to the criminal  
411 docket for prosecution.

412 **Section 8. Subsection (1) of section 741.283, Florida**  
413 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

414 741.283 Minimum term of imprisonment for domestic  
415 violence.—

416 (1) (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) or s. 741.282,  
417 if a person is adjudicated guilty of a crime of domestic  
418 violence, ~~as defined in s. 741.28,~~ and the person has  
419 intentionally caused bodily harm to another person, the court  
420 shall order the person to serve a minimum of 10 days in the  
421 county jail for a first offense, 15 days for a second offense,  
422 and 20 days for a third or subsequent offense as part of the  
423 sentence imposed, unless the court sentences the person to a  
424 nonsuspended period of incarceration in a state correctional  
425 facility.

426 (b) Except as provided in s. 741.282, if a person is  
 427 adjudicated guilty of a crime of domestic violence,~~as defined~~  
 428 ~~in s. 741.28,~~ and the person has intentionally caused bodily  
 429 harm to another person, and the crime of domestic violence takes  
 430 place in the presence of a child under 16 years of age who is a  
 431 family or household member, as defined in s. 741.28, of the  
 432 victim or the perpetrator, the court shall order the person to  
 433 serve a minimum of 15 days in the county jail for a first  
 434 offense, 20 days for a second offense, and 30 days for a third  
 435 or subsequent offense as part of the sentence imposed, unless  
 436 the court sentences the person to a nonsuspended period of  
 437 incarceration in a state correctional facility.

438 **Section 9. Paragraph (i) of subsection (2) of section**  
 439 **741.29, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (j),**  
 440 **subsections (1) and (3) are amended, and a new paragraph (i) is**  
 441 **added to subsection (2) of that section, to read:**

442 741.29 Domestic violence; investigation of incidents;  
 443 notice to victims of legal rights and remedies; reporting.—

444 (1) Any law enforcement officer who investigates an  
 445 alleged incident of domestic violence shall do all of the  
 446 following:

447 (a) Stress the importance of seeking medical treatment and  
 448 assist the victim to obtain medical treatment if ~~such is~~  
 449 required as a result of the alleged incident to which the  
 450 officer responds.†

451 (b) Advise the victim of such violence that there is a  
452 domestic violence center from which the victim may receive  
453 services.†

454 (c) Administer a lethality assessment consistent with the  
455 requirements established in subsection (2) if the allegation of  
456 domestic violence is against an intimate partner, regardless of  
457 whether an arrest is made.†~~and~~

458 (d) Give the victim immediate notice of the legal rights  
459 and remedies available on a standard form developed and  
460 distributed by the department. As necessary, the department  
461 shall revise the Legal Rights and Remedies Notice to Victims to  
462 include a general summary of s. 741.30 using simple English as  
463 well as Spanish, and shall distribute the notice as a model form  
464 to be used by all law enforcement agencies throughout this  
465 state. The notice must include all of the following:

466 1. The resource listing, including telephone number, for  
467 the area domestic violence center designated by the Department  
468 of Children and Families.

469 2. Information on text-to-911 services and whether text-  
470 to-911 services are available in the victim's jurisdiction.~~†~~~~and~~

471 3.2. A copy of the following statement:

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473 IF YOU ARE THE VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, you may ask the  
474 state attorney to file a criminal complaint. You also have the  
475 right to go to court and file a petition requesting an

476 injunction for protection from domestic violence which may  
477 include, but need not be limited to, provisions which restrain  
478 the abuser from further acts of abuse; direct the abuser to  
479 leave your household; prevent the abuser from entering your  
480 residence, school, business, or place of employment; award you  
481 custody of your minor child or children; and direct the abuser  
482 to pay support to you and the minor children if the abuser has a  
483 legal obligation to do so.

484 (e) Give the victim a pamphlet developed and distributed  
485 by the department which describes the short-term and long-term  
486 effects of strangulation and the importance of seeking medical  
487 treatment if the victim was strangled.

488 (2) The department shall consult with the Department of  
489 Children and Families, the Florida Sheriffs Association, the  
490 Florida Police Chiefs Association, the Florida Partnership to  
491 End Domestic Violence, and at least two domestic violence  
492 advocacy organizations to develop the policies, procedures, and  
493 training necessary for implementation of a statewide evidence-  
494 based lethality assessment. Such policies, procedures, and  
495 training must establish how to determine whether a victim and  
496 aggressor are intimate partners and establish a statewide  
497 process for referring a victim to a certified domestic violence  
498 center. The group must review the questions in paragraph (e) and  
499 make a recommendation as to whether all questions should be  
500 included in the statewide lethality assessment instrument and

501 form. By January 1, 2025, the department must adopt a statewide  
502 lethality assessment instrument and form. If a question in  
503 paragraph (e) is eliminated from the assessment, the department  
504 must confirm that the remaining or altered questions constitute  
505 an evidence-based lethality assessment. By January 31, 2025, the  
506 department shall report to the President of the Senate and the  
507 Speaker of the House of Representatives the results and  
508 recommendations of the group, including any proposed statutory  
509 changes that are necessary for implementation of a statewide  
510 lethality assessment. Training on how to administer a lethality  
511 assessment and the approved lethality assessment form must be  
512 accessible to a law enforcement officer in an online format.

513 (i)1. If a lethality assessment is administered, the law  
514 enforcement officer must provide to both the victim and  
515 aggressor a copy of the following statement:

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517 Section 741.29, Florida Statutes, authorizes a law  
518 enforcement officer or a designated representative of  
519 the Department of Law Enforcement to follow up with an  
520 alleged victim after a written police report based on  
521 the investigation of an allegation that an incident of  
522 domestic violence occurred is filed. A law enforcement  
523 officer or designated representative may follow up  
524 randomly in person or by telephone.  
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526        2. If the aggressor is not present at the time of the  
527 lethality assessment or the law enforcement officer is otherwise  
528 unable to provide a copy of the written statement required under  
529 subparagraph 1. to the aggressor, the law enforcement officer  
530 must leave a copy of the written statement at the home address  
531 of the aggressor.

532        3. If a lethality assessment is administered, a law  
533 enforcement officer, or a designated liaison within the  
534 department, may follow up with the victim within 24 hours after  
535 the written police report required under subsection (3) is  
536 filed. The officer or liaison may follow up in person or by  
537 telephone. If the officer or liaison follows up by telephone, he  
538 or she must call the victim at least three times to satisfy the  
539 requirement of this paragraph. The officer or liaison may not  
540 leave a voicemail if the call goes unanswered. If the officer or  
541 liaison does not reach the victim after three attempts, the  
542 officer or liaison may conduct an in-person wellness check on  
543 the victim.

544        (3) When a law enforcement officer investigates an  
545 allegation that an incident of domestic violence has occurred,  
546 the officer shall handle the incident pursuant to the arrest  
547 policy provided in s. 901.15(7), and as developed in accordance  
548 with subsections (4)-(6). If a law enforcement officer is  
549 wearing a body camera, as defined in s. 943.1718(1), the officer  
550 must have the camera turned on and recording when investigating

551 an allegation that an incident of domestic violence has  
552 occurred. Regardless of whether an arrest is made, the officer  
553 shall make a written police report that is complete and clearly  
554 indicates the alleged offense was an incident of domestic  
555 violence. Such report must be given to the officer's supervisor  
556 and filed with the law enforcement agency in a manner that will  
557 permit data on domestic violence cases to be compiled. Such  
558 report must include all of the following:

559 (a) A description of physical injuries observed, if any.

560 (b) If a law enforcement officer decides not to make an  
561 arrest or decides to arrest two or more parties, the grounds for  
562 not arresting anyone or for arresting two or more parties.

563 (c) A statement that ~~which~~ indicates that a copy of the  
564 legal rights and remedies notice was given to the victim.

565 (d) A notation of the score of a lethality assessment, if  
566 one was administered pursuant to paragraph (1)(c).

567

568 Whenever possible, the law enforcement officer shall obtain a  
569 written statement from the victim and witnesses concerning the  
570 alleged domestic violence. The officer shall submit the report  
571 to the supervisor or other person to whom the employer's rules  
572 or policies require reports of similar allegations of criminal  
573 activity to be made. The law enforcement agency shall, without  
574 charge, send a copy of the initial police report, as well as any  
575 subsequent, supplemental, or related report, which excludes

576 | victim/witness statements or other materials that are part of an  
 577 | active criminal investigation and are exempt from disclosure  
 578 | under chapter 119, to the nearest locally certified domestic  
 579 | violence center within 24 hours after the agency's receipt of  
 580 | the report. The report furnished to the domestic violence center  
 581 | must include a narrative description of the domestic violence  
 582 | incident.

583 |       **Section 10. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3), paragraph (b)**  
 584 | **of subsection (6), and paragraph (b) of subsection (8) of**  
 585 | **section 741.30, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

586 |       741.30 Domestic violence; injunction; powers and duties of  
 587 | court and clerk; petition; notice and hearing; temporary  
 588 | injunction; issuance of injunction; statewide verification  
 589 | system; enforcement; public records exemption.—

590 |       (3)

591 |       (b) The verified petition shall be in substantially the  
 592 | following form:

593 |                                    PETITION FOR

594 |                                    INJUNCTION FOR PROTECTION

595 |                                    AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

596 | The undersigned petitioner ...(name)... declares under penalties  
 597 | of perjury that the following statements are true:

598 |       1.(a) Petitioner resides at: ...(address)...

599 |       (Petitioner may furnish address to the court in a separate  
 600 | confidential filing if, for safety reasons, the petitioner



601 requires the location of the current residence to be  
 602 confidential.)  
 603       2.~~(b)~~ Respondent resides at: ...(last known address)...  
 604       3.~~(e)~~ Respondent's last known place of employment:  
 605 ... (name of business and address)...  
 606       4.~~(d)~~ Physical description of respondent:.....  
 607       Race.....  
 608       Sex.....  
 609       Date of birth.....  
 610       Height.....  
 611       Weight.....  
 612       Eye color.....  
 613       Hair color.....  
 614       Distinguishing marks or scars.....  
 615       5.~~(e)~~ Aliases of respondent:.....  
 616       6.~~(f)~~ Respondent is the spouse or former spouse of the  
 617 petitioner or is any other person related by blood or marriage  
 618 to the petitioner or is any other person who is or was residing  
 619 within a single dwelling unit with the petitioner, as if a  
 620 family, or is a person with whom the petitioner has a child in  
 621 common, regardless of whether the petitioner and respondent are  
 622 or were married or residing together, as if a family.  
 623       7.~~(g)~~ The following describes any other cause of action  
 624 currently pending between the petitioner and respondent:.....  
 625

626 The petitioner should also describe any previous or pending  
627 attempts by the petitioner to obtain an injunction for  
628 protection against domestic violence in this or any other  
629 circuit, and the results of that attempt:.....

630  
631 Case numbers should be included if available.

632 8.(h) Petitioner is either a victim of domestic violence  
633 or has reasonable cause to believe he or she is in imminent  
634 danger of becoming a victim of domestic violence because  
635 respondent has: ...(mark all sections that apply and describe in  
636 the spaces below the incidents of violence or threats of  
637 violence, specifying when and where they occurred, including,  
638 but not limited to, locations such as a home, school, place of  
639 employment, or visitation exchange)...

640 .....  
641 .....

642 ....committed or threatened to commit domestic violence  
643 defined in s. 741.28, Florida Statutes, as any ~~assault,~~  
644 ~~aggravated assault, battery, aggravated battery, sexual assault,~~  
645 ~~sexual battery, stalking, aggravated stalking, kidnapping, false~~  
646 ~~imprisonment, or any~~ criminal offense resulting in physical  
647 injury or death of one family or household member by another.  
648 With the exception of persons who are parents of a child in  
649 common, the family or household members must be currently  
650 residing or have in the past resided together in the same single

651 dwelling unit. Refer to s. 741.28, Florida Statutes, to view the  
652 enumerated criminal offenses that may constitute domestic  
653 violence.

654 ....previously threatened, harassed, stalked, or physically  
655 abused the petitioner.

656 ....attempted to harm the petitioner or family members or  
657 individuals closely associated with the petitioner.

658 ....threatened to conceal, kidnap, or harm the petitioner's  
659 child or children.

660 ....intentionally injured or killed a family pet or used  
661 the family pet as a means of coercive control. A family pet  
662 includes a service animal as defined in s. 413.08(1), Florida  
663 Statutes, and an emotional support animal as defined in s.  
664 760.27(1), Florida Statutes.

665 ....used, or has threatened to use, against the petitioner  
666 any weapons such as guns or knives.

667 ....physically restrained the petitioner from leaving the  
668 home or calling law enforcement.

669 ....a criminal history involving violence or the threat of  
670 violence (if known).

671 ....another order of protection issued against him or her  
672 previously or from another jurisdiction (if known).

673 ....destroyed personal property, including, but not limited  
674 to, telephones or other communication equipment, clothing, or  
675 other items belonging to the petitioner.

676           ...engaged in a pattern of abusive, threatening,  
 677 intimidating, or controlling behavior composed of a series of  
 678 acts over a period of time, however short.

679           ...engaged in any other behavior or conduct that leads the  
 680 petitioner to have reasonable cause to believe he or she is in  
 681 imminent danger of becoming a victim of domestic violence.

682           9.~~(i)~~ Petitioner alleges the following additional specific  
 683 facts: ... (mark appropriate sections)...

684           ...A minor child or minor children reside with the  
 685 petitioner whose names and ages are as follows:.....

686  
 687           ....Petitioner needs the exclusive use and possession of  
 688 the dwelling that the parties share.

689           ....Petitioner is unable to obtain safe alternative housing  
 690 because:.....

691  
 692           ....Petitioner genuinely fears that respondent imminently  
 693 will abuse, remove, or hide the minor child or children from  
 694 petitioner because:.....

695  
 696           10.~~(j)~~ Petitioner genuinely fears imminent domestic  
 697 violence by respondent.

698           11.~~(k)~~ Petitioner seeks an injunction: ... (mark  
 699 appropriate section or sections)...

700           ....Immediately restraining the respondent from committing

701 any acts of domestic violence.

702       ....Restraining the respondent from committing any acts of  
703 domestic violence.

704       ....Awarding to the petitioner the temporary exclusive use  
705 and possession of the dwelling that the parties share or  
706 excluding the respondent from the residence of the petitioner.

707       ....Providing a temporary parenting plan, including a  
708 temporary time-sharing schedule, with regard to the minor child  
709 or children of the parties which might involve prohibiting or  
710 limiting time-sharing or requiring that it be supervised by a  
711 third party.

712       ....Designating that the exchange of the minor child or  
713 children of the parties must occur at a neutral safe exchange  
714 location as provided in s. 125.01(8) or a location authorized by  
715 a supervised visitation program as defined in s. 753.01 if  
716 temporary time-sharing of the child is awarded to the  
717 respondent.

718       ....Establishing temporary support for the minor child or  
719 children or the petitioner.

720       ....Directing the respondent to participate in a batterers'  
721 intervention program.

722       ....Providing any terms the court deems necessary for the  
723 protection of a victim of domestic violence, or any minor  
724 children of the victim, including any injunctions or directives  
725 to law enforcement agencies.

726 (6)

727 (b) In determining whether a petitioner has reasonable  
728 cause to believe he or she is in imminent danger of becoming a  
729 victim of domestic violence, the court shall consider and  
730 evaluate all relevant factors alleged in the petition,  
731 including, but not limited to:

732 1. The history between the petitioner and the respondent,  
733 including threats, harassment, stalking, and physical abuse.

734 2. Whether the respondent has attempted to harm the  
735 petitioner or family members or individuals closely associated  
736 with the petitioner.

737 3. Whether the respondent has threatened to conceal,  
738 kidnap, or harm the petitioner's child or children.

739 4. Whether the respondent has intentionally injured or  
740 killed a family pet or used the family pet as a means of  
741 coercive control. A family pet includes a service animal as  
742 defined in s. 413.08(1) and an emotional support animal as  
743 defined in s. 760.27(1).

744 5. Whether the respondent has used, or has threatened to  
745 use, against the petitioner any weapons such as guns or knives.

746 6. Whether the respondent has physically restrained the  
747 petitioner from leaving the home or calling law enforcement.

748 7. Whether the respondent has a criminal history involving  
749 violence or the threat of violence.

750 8. The existence of a verifiable order of protection

751 issued previously or from another jurisdiction.

752 9. Whether the respondent has destroyed personal property,  
753 including, but not limited to, telephones or other  
754 communications equipment, clothing, or other items belonging to  
755 the petitioner.

756 10. Whether the respondent has or had engaged in a pattern  
757 of abusive, threatening, intimidating, or controlling behavior  
758 composed of a series of acts over a period of time, however  
759 short, which evidences a continuity of purpose and which  
760 reasonably causes the petitioner to believe that the petitioner  
761 or his or her minor child or children are in imminent danger of  
762 becoming victims of any act of domestic violence.

763 11. Whether the respondent engaged in any other behavior  
764 or conduct that leads the petitioner to have reasonable cause to  
765 believe that he or she is in imminent danger of becoming a  
766 victim of domestic violence.

767  
768 In making its determination under this paragraph, the court is  
769 not limited to those factors enumerated in subparagraphs 1.-11.

770 (8)

771 (b) A Domestic, Dating, Sexual, and Repeat Violence  
772 Injunction Statewide Verification System is created within the  
773 Department of Law Enforcement. The department shall establish,  
774 implement, and maintain a statewide communication system capable  
775 of electronically transmitting information to and between

776 criminal justice agencies relating to domestic violence  
777 injunctions, dating violence injunctions, sexual violence  
778 injunctions, and repeat violence injunctions issued by the  
779 courts throughout the state. Such information must include, but  
780 is not limited to, information as to the existence and status of  
781 any injunction for verification purposes.

782 **Section 11. Subsection (6) of section 741.30, Florida**  
783 **Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (7), and amended,**  
784 **paragraph (c) of subsection (4) and subsection (5) are amended,**  
785 **paragraph (d) is added to subsection (4), and a new subsection**  
786 **(6) is added to that section, to read:**

787 741.31 Violation of an injunction for protection against  
788 domestic violence.—

789 (4)

790 (c) A person who has a ~~two or more~~ prior conviction  
791 ~~convictions~~ for a violation of an injunction or a foreign  
792 protection order, and who subsequently commits another ~~a~~  
793 violation of any injunction or foreign protection order,  
794 regardless of whether the violation is against the same victim,  
795 commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in  
796 s. 775.082, s. 775.083 or s. 775.084. For purposes of this  
797 paragraph, the term "conviction" means a determination of guilt  
798 which is the result of a plea or a trial, regardless of whether  
799 adjudication is withheld or a plea of nolo contendere is  
800 entered.



801        (d)1. The penalty for a felony or misdemeanor committed  
 802 under this section may be enhanced as follows:

803        a. A misdemeanor of the second degree may be punished as  
 804 if it were a misdemeanor of the first degree.

805        b. A misdemeanor of the first degree may be punished as if  
 806 it were a felony of the third degree.

807        c. A felony of the third degree may be punished as if it  
 808 were a felony of the second degree.

809        d. A felony of the second degree may be punished as if it  
 810 were a felony of the first degree.

811        e. A felony of the first degree may be punished as if it  
 812 were a life felony.

813        2. In addition to the enhancements under subparagraph 1.,  
 814 the penalty for a felony or misdemeanor committed under this  
 815 section during an emergency, as defined in s. 252.34(4), for  
 816 which a state of emergency is declared under s. 252.36 may be  
 817 enhanced if the offense occurred within the locale of the state  
 818 of emergency.

819        (5) Regardless of whether ~~or not~~ there is a criminal  
 820 prosecution under subsection (4), the court:

821        (a) Shall order the respondent to attend a batterers'  
 822 intervention program if it finds a willful violation of a  
 823 domestic violence injunction, unless the court makes written  
 824 factual findings in its judgment or order which are based on  
 825 substantial evidence, stating why a batterers' intervention

826 program would be inappropriate.

827 (b) May order the respondent to electronic monitoring  
 828 supervision for the duration of the injunction for protection.  
 829 If electronic monitoring is ordered, the court must establish  
 830 exclusion zones and include safety-planning and informed consent  
 831 for the petitioner. The respondent is responsible for paying for  
 832 the electronic monitoring services as provided in s. 948.09(2).

833 (6) The court must order the respondent to electronic  
 834 monitoring supervision in any situation under s. 741.281(2).

835 (7)~~(6)~~ Any person who suffers an injury and/or loss as a  
 836 result of a violation of an injunction for protection against  
 837 domestic violence may be awarded economic damages for that  
 838 injury and/or loss by the court issuing the injunction. Damages  
 839 includes costs and attorney ~~attorneys'~~ fees for enforcement of  
 840 the injunction.

841 **Section 12. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) and**  
 842 **subsections (11) and (12) of section 784.046, Florida Statutes,**  
 843 **are amended to read:**

844 784.046 Action by victim of repeat violence, sexual  
 845 violence, or dating violence for protective injunction; dating  
 846 violence investigations, notice to victims, and reporting;  
 847 pretrial release violations; public records exemption.—

848 (4)

849 (b) The verified petition must be in substantially the  
 850 following form:

PETITION FOR INJUNCTION FOR PROTECTION  
AGAINST REPEAT VIOLENCE, SEXUAL  
VIOLENCE, OR DATING VIOLENCE

The undersigned petitioner ...(name)... declares under penalties of perjury that the following statements are true:

1. Petitioner resides at ...(address)... (A petitioner for an injunction for protection against sexual violence may furnish an address to the court in a separate confidential filing if, for safety reasons, the petitioner requires the location of his or her current residence to be confidential pursuant to s. 119.071(2)(j), Florida Statutes.)

2. Respondent resides at ...(address)....

3.a. Petitioner has suffered repeat violence as demonstrated by the fact that the respondent has: ...(enumerate incidents of violence)...

.....  
.....  
.....

b. Petitioner has suffered sexual violence as demonstrated by the fact that the respondent has: ...(enumerate incident of violence and include incident report number from law enforcement agency or attach notice of inmate release)...

.....  
.....  
.....

876 c. Petitioner is a victim of dating violence and has  
877 reasonable cause to believe that he or she is in imminent danger  
878 of becoming the victim of another act of dating violence or has  
879 reasonable cause to believe that he or she is in imminent danger  
880 of becoming a victim of dating violence, as demonstrated by the  
881 fact that the respondent has: ...(list the specific incident or  
882 incidents of violence and describe the length of time of the  
883 relationship, whether it has been in existence during the last 6  
884 months, the nature of the relationship of a romantic or intimate  
885 nature, the frequency and type of interaction, and any other  
886 facts that characterize the relationship)...

887 .....  
888 .....  
889 .....

890 4. Has respondent engaged in a pattern of abusive,  
891 threatening, intimidating, or controlling behavior composed of a  
892 series of acts over a period of time, however short? ... (if the  
893 answer is yes, list the specific incident or incidents) ...

894 .....  
895 .....  
896 .....

897 ~~5.4.~~ Petitioner genuinely fears repeat violence by the  
898 respondent.

899 ~~6.5.~~ Petitioner seeks: an immediate injunction against the  
900 respondent, enjoining him or her from committing any further

901 acts of violence; an injunction enjoining the respondent from  
902 committing any further acts of violence; and an injunction  
903 providing any terms the court deems necessary for the protection  
904 of the petitioner and the petitioner's immediate family,  
905 including any injunctions or directives to law enforcement  
906 agencies.

907 (11) Any law enforcement officer who investigates an  
908 alleged incident of dating violence shall do all of the  
909 following:

910 (a) Stress the importance of seeking medical treatment and  
911 assist the victim to obtain medical treatment if ~~such is~~  
912 required as a result of the alleged incident to which the  
913 officer responds.

914 (b) Any law enforcement officer who investigates an  
915 alleged incident of dating violence shall Advise the victim of  
916 such violence that there is a domestic violence center from  
917 which the victim may receive services.

918 (c) The law enforcement officer shall Give the victim  
919 immediate notice of the legal rights and remedies available on a  
920 standard form developed and distributed by the Department of Law  
921 Enforcement. As necessary, the Department of Law Enforcement  
922 shall revise the Legal Rights and Remedies Notice to Victims to  
923 include a general summary of this section, using simple English  
924 as well as Spanish, and shall distribute the notice as a model  
925 form to be used by all law enforcement agencies throughout the

926 state. The notice must ~~shall~~ include all of the following:

927 1. (a) The resource listing, including telephone number,  
928 for the area domestic violence center designated by the  
929 Department of Children and Families.

930 2. Information on text-to-911 services and whether text-  
931 to-911 services are available in the victim's jurisdiction. ~~;~~ ~~and~~

932 3. (b) A copy of the following statement: "IF YOU ARE THE  
933 VICTIM OF DATING VIOLENCE, you may ask the state attorney to  
934 file a criminal complaint. You also have the right to go to  
935 court and file a petition requesting an injunction for  
936 protection from dating violence which may include, but need not  
937 be limited to, provisions that restrain the abuser from further  
938 acts of abuse; direct the abuser to leave your household; and  
939 prevent the abuser from entering your residence, school,  
940 business, or place of employment."

941 (d) Give the victim a pamphlet developed and distributed  
942 by the department which describes the short-term and long-term  
943 effects of strangulation and the importance of seeking medical  
944 treatment if the victim was strangled.

945 (e) If applicable, administer a lethality assessment  
946 pursuant to s. 741.29(2)(e) and follow the requirements of s.  
947 741.29(2)(f)-(i).

948 1. If a lethality assessment is administered, the law  
949 enforcement officer must provide to both the victim and  
950 aggressor a copy of the following statement:

951  
952 Section 784.046, Florida Statutes, authorizes a law  
953 enforcement officer or a designated representative of  
954 the Department of Law Enforcement to follow up with an  
955 alleged victim after a written police report based on  
956 the investigation of an allegation that an incident of  
957 dating violence occurred is filed. A law enforcement  
958 officer or designated representative may follow up  
959 randomly in person or by telephone.

960  
961 2. If the aggressor is not present at the time of the  
962 lethality assessment or the law enforcement officer is otherwise  
963 unable to provide a copy of the written statement required under  
964 subparagraph 1. to the aggressor, the law enforcement officer  
965 must leave a copy of the written statement at the home address  
966 of the aggressor.

967 3. If a lethality assessment is administered, a law  
968 enforcement officer, or a designated liaison within the  
969 department, may follow up with the victim within 24 hours after  
970 the written police report required under subsection (3) is  
971 filed. The officer or liaison may follow up in person or by  
972 telephone. If the officer or liaison follows up by telephone, he  
973 or she must call the victim at least three times to satisfy the  
974 requirement of this subparagraph. The officer or liaison may not  
975 leave a voicemail if the call goes unanswered. If the officer or

976 liaison does not reach the victim after three attempts, the  
977 officer or liaison may conduct an in-person wellness check on  
978 the victim.

979 (12) When a law enforcement officer investigates an  
980 allegation that an incident of dating violence has occurred, the  
981 officer shall handle the incident pursuant to the arrest policy  
982 provided in s. 901.15(7), and as developed in accordance with  
983 subsections (13), (14), and (16). If a law enforcement officer  
984 is wearing a body camera, as defined in s. 943.1718(1), the  
985 officer must have the camera turned on and recording when  
986 investigating an allegation that an incident of dating violence  
987 has occurred. Regardless of whether ~~or not~~ an arrest is made,  
988 the officer shall make a written police report that is complete  
989 and clearly indicates that the alleged offense was an incident  
990 of dating violence. Such report shall be given to the officer's  
991 supervisor and filed with the law enforcement agency in a manner  
992 that will permit data on dating violence cases to be compiled.  
993 Such report must include:

994 (a) A description of physical injuries observed, if any.

995 (b) If a law enforcement officer decides not to make an  
996 arrest or decides to arrest two or more parties, the grounds for  
997 not arresting anyone or for arresting two or more parties.

998 (c) A statement that ~~which~~ indicates that a copy of the  
999 legal rights and remedies notice was given to the victim.

1000



1001 Whenever possible, the law enforcement officer shall obtain a  
1002 written statement from the victim and witnesses concerning the  
1003 alleged dating violence. The officer shall submit the report to  
1004 the supervisor or other person to whom the employer's rules or  
1005 policies require reports of similar allegations of criminal  
1006 activity to be made. The law enforcement agency shall, without  
1007 charge, send a copy of the initial police report, as well as any  
1008 subsequent, supplemental, or related report, which excludes  
1009 victim or witness statements or other materials that are part of  
1010 an active criminal investigation and are exempt from disclosure  
1011 under chapter 119, to the nearest locally certified domestic  
1012 violence center within 24 hours after the agency's receipt of  
1013 the report. The report furnished to the domestic violence center  
1014 must include a narrative description of the dating violence  
1015 incident.

1016 **Section 13. Subsection (2) of section 784.047, Florida**  
1017 **Statutes, is amended, and subsections (3) and (4) are added to**  
1018 **that section, to read:**

1019 784.047 Penalties for violating protective injunction  
1020 against violators.—

1021 (2) A person who has a ~~two or more~~ prior conviction  
1022 ~~convictions~~ for violation of an injunction or foreign protection  
1023 order, and who subsequently commits another ~~a~~ violation of any  
1024 injunction or foreign protection order, regardless of whether  
1025 the violation is against the same victim, commits a felony of

1026 the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.  
1027 775.083, or s. 775.084. For purposes of this subsection, the  
1028 term "conviction" means a determination of guilt which is the  
1029 result of a plea or a trial, regardless of whether adjudication  
1030 is withheld or a plea of nolo contendere is entered.

1031 (3) (a) The penalty for a felony or misdemeanor committed  
1032 under this section may be enhanced as follows:

1033 1. A misdemeanor of the second degree may be punished as  
1034 if it were a misdemeanor of the first degree.

1035 2. A misdemeanor of the first degree may be punished as if  
1036 it were a felony of the third degree.

1037 3. A felony of the third degree may be punished as if it  
1038 were a felony of the second degree.

1039 4. A felony of the second degree may be punished as if it  
1040 were a felony of the first degree.

1041 5. A felony of the first degree may be punished as if it  
1042 were a life felony.

1043 (b) In addition to the enhancements under paragraph (a),  
1044 the penalty for a felony or misdemeanor committed under this  
1045 section during an emergency, as defined in s. 252.34(4), for  
1046 which a state of emergency is declared under s. 252.36 may be  
1047 enhanced if the offense occurred within the locale of the state  
1048 of emergency.

1049 (4) (a) The court may order the respondent to electronic  
1050 monitoring supervision for the duration of the injunction for

1051 protection. If electronic monitoring is ordered, the court must  
 1052 establish exclusion zones and include safety-planning and  
 1053 informed consent for the petitioner. The respondent is  
 1054 responsible for paying for the electronic monitoring services as  
 1055 provided in s. 948.09(2).

1056 (b) The court must order the respondent to electronic  
 1057 monitoring supervision in any situation under s. 741.281(2).

1058 **Section 14. Subsection (1) of section 960.198, Florida**  
 1059 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

1060 960.198 Relocation assistance for victims of domestic  
 1061 violence.—

1062 (1) Notwithstanding the criteria set forth in s. 960.13  
 1063 for crime victim compensation awards, the department may award a  
 1064 one-time payment of up to \$5,000 ~~\$1,500~~ on any one claim and a  
 1065 lifetime maximum of \$10,000 ~~\$3,000~~ to a victim of domestic  
 1066 violence who needs immediate assistance to escape from a  
 1067 domestic violence environment.

1068 **Section 15. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section**  
 1069 **921.0024, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

1070 921.0024 Criminal Punishment Code; worksheet computations;  
 1071 scoresheets.—

1072 (1)

1073 (b) WORKSHEET KEY:

1074 Legal status points are assessed when any form of legal status  
 1075 existed at the time the offender committed an offense before the

1076 court for sentencing. Four (4) sentence points are assessed for  
1077 an offender's legal status.

1078 Community sanction violation points are assessed when a  
1079 community sanction violation is before the court for sentencing.  
1080 Six (6) sentence points are assessed for each community sanction  
1081 violation and each successive community sanction violation,  
1082 unless any of the following apply:

1083       1. If the community sanction violation includes a new  
1084 felony conviction before the sentencing court, twelve (12)  
1085 community sanction violation points are assessed for the  
1086 violation, and for each successive community sanction violation  
1087 involving a new felony conviction.

1088       2. If the community sanction violation is committed by a  
1089 violent felony offender of special concern as defined in s.  
1090 948.06:

1091       a. Twelve (12) community sanction violation points are  
1092 assessed for the violation and for each successive violation of  
1093 felony probation or community control where:

1094           I. The violation does not include a new felony conviction;  
1095 and

1096           II. The community sanction violation is not based solely  
1097 on the probationer or offender's failure to pay costs or fines  
1098 or make restitution payments.

1099       b. Twenty-four (24) community sanction violation points  
1100 are assessed for the violation and for each successive violation

1101 of felony probation or community control where the violation  
1102 includes a new felony conviction.  
1103 Multiple counts of community sanction violations before the  
1104 sentencing court shall not be a basis for multiplying the  
1105 assessment of community sanction violation points.  
1106 Prior serious felony points: If the offender has a primary  
1107 offense or any additional offense ranked in level 8, level 9, or  
1108 level 10, and one or more prior serious felonies, a single  
1109 assessment of thirty (30) points shall be added. For purposes of  
1110 this section, a prior serious felony is an offense in the  
1111 offender's prior record that is ranked in level 8, level 9, or  
1112 level 10 under s. 921.0022 or s. 921.0023 and for which the  
1113 offender is serving a sentence of confinement, supervision, or  
1114 other sanction or for which the offender's date of release from  
1115 confinement, supervision, or other sanction, whichever is later,  
1116 is within 3 years before the date the primary offense or any  
1117 additional offense was committed.  
1118 Prior capital felony points: If the offender has one or more  
1119 prior capital felonies in the offender's criminal record, points  
1120 shall be added to the subtotal sentence points of the offender  
1121 equal to twice the number of points the offender receives for  
1122 the primary offense and any additional offense. A prior capital  
1123 felony in the offender's criminal record is a previous capital  
1124 felony offense for which the offender has entered a plea of nolo  
1125 contendere or guilty or has been found guilty; or a felony in

1126 another jurisdiction which is a capital felony in that  
1127 jurisdiction, or would be a capital felony if the offense were  
1128 committed in this state.

1129 Possession of a firearm, semiautomatic firearm, or machine gun:  
1130 If the offender is convicted of committing or attempting to  
1131 commit any felony other than those enumerated in s. 775.087(2)  
1132 while having in his or her possession: a firearm as defined in  
1133 s. 790.001, an additional eighteen (18) sentence points are  
1134 assessed; or if the offender is convicted of committing or  
1135 attempting to commit any felony other than those enumerated in  
1136 s. 775.087(3) while having in his or her possession a  
1137 semiautomatic firearm as defined in s. 775.087(3) or a machine  
1138 gun as defined in s. 790.001, an additional twenty-five (25)  
1139 sentence points are assessed.

1140 Sentencing multipliers:

1141 Aggravated Animal Cruelty: If the primary offense is aggravated  
1142 animal cruelty under s. 828.12(2), which included the knowing  
1143 and intentional torture or torment of an animal that injured,  
1144 mutilated, or killed the animal, the subtotal sentence points  
1145 are multiplied by 1.25. As used in this paragraph, the term  
1146 "animal" does not include an animal used for agricultural  
1147 purposes or permitted as captive wildlife as authorized under s.  
1148 379.303.

1149 Drug trafficking: If the primary offense is drug trafficking  
1150 under s. 893.135, the subtotal sentence points are multiplied,

1151 at the discretion of the court, for a level 7 or level 8  
1152 offense, by 1.5. The state attorney may move the sentencing  
1153 court to reduce or suspend the sentence of a person convicted of  
1154 a level 7 or level 8 offense, if the offender provides  
1155 substantial assistance as described in s. 893.135(4).  
1156 Violent offenses committed against specified justice system  
1157 personnel: If the primary offense is a violation of s.  
1158 775.0823(2), (3), or (4), the subtotal sentence points are  
1159 multiplied by 2.5. If the primary offense is a violation of s.  
1160 775.0823(5), (6), (7), (8), or (9), the subtotal sentence points  
1161 are multiplied by 2.0. If the primary offense is a violation of  
1162 s. 784.07(3) or s. 775.0875(1), or s. 775.0823(10) or (11), the  
1163 subtotal sentence points are multiplied by 1.5.  
1164 Grand theft of a motor vehicle: If the primary offense is grand  
1165 theft of the third degree involving a motor vehicle and in the  
1166 offender's prior record, there are three or more grand thefts of  
1167 the third degree involving a motor vehicle, the subtotal  
1168 sentence points are multiplied by 1.5.  
1169 Fleeing or attempting to elude a law enforcement officer: If the  
1170 primary offense is fleeing or attempting to elude a law  
1171 enforcement officer or aggravated fleeing or eluding in  
1172 violation of s. 316.1935, and in the offender's prior record,  
1173 there is one or more violation of s. 316.1935, the subtotal  
1174 sentence points are multiplied by 1.5.  
1175 Offense related to a criminal gang: If the offender is convicted

1176 of the primary offense and committed that offense for the  
1177 purpose of benefiting, promoting, or furthering the interests of  
1178 a criminal gang as defined in s. 874.03, the subtotal sentence  
1179 points are multiplied by 1.5. If applying the multiplier results  
1180 in the lowest permissible sentence exceeding the statutory  
1181 maximum sentence for the primary offense under chapter 775, the  
1182 court may not apply the multiplier and must sentence the  
1183 defendant to the statutory maximum sentence.

1184 Domestic violence in the presence of a child: If the offender is  
1185 convicted of the primary offense and the primary offense is a  
1186 crime of domestic violence, as defined in s. 741.28, which was  
1187 committed in the presence of a child under 16 years of age who  
1188 is a family or household member, as defined in s. 741.28, ~~s.~~  
1189 ~~741.28(3)~~ with the victim or perpetrator, the subtotal sentence  
1190 points are multiplied by 1.5.

1191 Adult-on-minor sex offense: If the offender was 18 years of age  
1192 or older and the victim was younger than 18 years of age at the  
1193 time the offender committed the primary offense, and if the  
1194 primary offense was an offense committed on or after October 1,  
1195 2014, and is a violation of s. 787.01(2) or s. 787.02(2), if the  
1196 violation involved a victim who was a minor and, in the course  
1197 of committing that violation, the defendant committed a sexual  
1198 battery under chapter 794 or a lewd act under s. 800.04 or s.  
1199 847.0135(5) against the minor; s. 787.01(3)(a)2. or 3.; s.  
1200 787.02(3)(a)2. or 3.; s. 794.011, excluding s. 794.011(10); s.



1201 800.04; or s. 847.0135(5), the subtotal sentence points are  
 1202 multiplied by 2.0. If applying the multiplier results in the  
 1203 lowest permissible sentence exceeding the statutory maximum  
 1204 sentence for the primary offense under chapter 775, the court  
 1205 may not apply the multiplier and must sentence the defendant to  
 1206 the statutory maximum sentence.

1207 **Section 16. Paragraph (f) of subsection (2) of section**  
 1208 **943.0584, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

1209 943.0584 Criminal history records ineligible for court-  
 1210 ordered expunction or court-ordered sealing.—

1211 (2) A criminal history record is ineligible for a  
 1212 certificate of eligibility for expunction or a court-ordered  
 1213 expunction pursuant to s. 943.0585 or a certificate of  
 1214 eligibility for sealing or a court-ordered sealing pursuant to  
 1215 s. 943.059 if the record is a conviction for any of the  
 1216 following offenses:

1217 (f) Assault or battery, as defined in ss. 784.011 and  
 1218 784.03, respectively, of one family or household member by  
 1219 another family or household member, as defined in s. 741.28 ~~s.~~  
 1220 ~~741.28(3)~~;

1221 **Section 17. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section**  
 1222 **943.171, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

1223 943.171 Basic skills training in handling domestic  
 1224 violence cases.—

1225 (2) As used in this section, the term:

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1226 (b) "Household member" has the meaning set forth in s.  
1227 741.28 ~~s. 741.28(3)~~.

1228 **Section 18.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.