

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to required notice of intent to  
3           contact a victim; creating s. 914.18, F.S.; requiring  
4           specified persons acting on behalf of a criminal  
5           defendant to file a specified notice within a  
6           specified timeframe before contacting a victim in a  
7           criminal proceeding for a specified purpose; providing  
8           applicability; requiring that such notice be filed on  
9           a standard form developed by the state attorney in  
10          each judicial circuit; providing an effective date.

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

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14           **Section 1. Section 914.18, Florida Statutes, is created to**  
15 **read:**

16           914.18 Required notice of intent to contact victim.-

17           (1) Before any attorney, investigator, or other agent  
18 acting on behalf of a criminal defendant may contact a victim  
19 for the purpose of obtaining information relating to a pending  
20 criminal proceeding, he or she must file a notice of intent to  
21 contact the victim within 72 hours before making, or attempting  
22 to make, such contact. This subsection does not apply to contact  
23 with a victim which occurs during a court proceeding or  
24 deposition.

25           (2) The notice required under subsection (1) must be filed

26 | on a standard form developed and made available by the state  
27 | attorney in each judicial circuit.

28 |       **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.