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The Committee on Criminal Justice (Calatayud) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

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.—



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(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 reported an alleged incident of domestic violence or dating violence. 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 alleged 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 and coordinating the plan, pursuant to chapter 120.

(6) REGIONAL SYSTEMS.—This section does not prohibit or discourage the formation of multijurisdictional or regional systems; and any system established pursuant to this section may include the jurisdiction, or any portion thereof, of more than one public agency. It is the intent of the Legislature that emergency communications services be available throughout the state. Expenditure by counties of the fee authorized and imposed under s. 365.172 should support this intent to the greatest extent feasible within the context of local service needs and fiscal capability. Each county shall integrate the system or



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process created in paragraph (4)(e) based on the county's resources and availability. This section does not prohibit two or more counties from establishing a combined emergency communications service by an interlocal agreement and using the fees authorized and imposed by s. 365.172 for such combined service.

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

401.27 Personnel; standards and certification.—

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

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

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

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

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

2. For a paramedic, a paramedic training program approved



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by the department as equivalent to the most recent EMT-Paramedic National Standard Curriculum or the National EMS Education Standards of the United States Department of Transportation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. For a paramedic, hold a certificate of successful course completion in advanced cardiac life support from the American



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Heart Association or its equivalent as defined by department rule.

(g) Submit the certification fee and the nonrefundable examination fee prescribed in s. 401.34, which examination fee will be required for each examination administered to an applicant.

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

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

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



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

Section 4. Present subsection (9) of section 633.408, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (10), paragraph (e) is added to subsection (1) of that section, and a new subsection (9) is added to that section, to read:

633.408 Firefighter and volunteer firefighter training and certification.—

(1) The division shall establish by rule:

(e) Courses to provide training for career and volunteer firefighters on the subject of domestic violence, dating violence, and strangulation. Such training must be a requirement



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for obtaining a Firefighter Certificate of Compliance, a
Volunteer Firefighter Certificate of Completion, or a Special
Certificate of Compliance.

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

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

(b) Career and volunteer firefighters certified before
December 1, 2026, must complete a minimum of 2 hours of training
in handling domestic violence, dating violence, and
strangulation cases during the continuing training required
under paragraph (1)(c).

Section 5. Present subsections (3) and (4) of section
741.28, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (5)
and (6), respectively, a new subsection (3), (4), and (7) is
added to that section, and subsection (2) of that section is
amended, to read:

741.28 Domestic violence; definitions; enhanced penalties.-
As used in ss. 741.28-741.31:

(2) "Domestic violence" means any ~~assault, aggravated
assault, battery, aggravated battery, sexual assault, sexual
battery, stalking, aggravated stalking, kidnapping, false
imprisonment, or any~~ criminal offense resulting in physical
injury or death of one family or household member by another
family or household member, or any of the following criminal
offenses if committed by a family or household member:-



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- 185 (a) Assault.
- 186 (b) Aggravated assault.
- 187 (c) Battery.
- 188 (d) Aggravated battery.
- 189 (e) Battery by strangulation.
- 190 (f) Domestic battery by strangulation.
- 191 (g) Sexual assault.
- 192 (h) Sexual battery.
- 193 (i) Stalking.
- 194 (j) Aggravated stalking.
- 195 (k) Child abuse.
- 196 (l) Aggravated child abuse.
- 197 (m) Kidnapping.
- 198 (n) False imprisonment.
- 199 (o) Violation of an injunction for protection against
200 domestic violence, repeat violence, dating violence, sexual
201 violence, or stalking.
- 202 (p) Criminal mischief, committed with the intent to
203 intimidate, threaten, or harass, or as a means of coercive
204 control.
- 205 (q) Installation or use of tracking devices or tracking
206 applications.
- 207 (r) Sexual cyberharassment.
- 208 (s) Cyberstalking.
- 209 (t) Offenses against users of computers, computer systems,
210 computer networks, and electronic devices.
- 211 (u) Cruelty or threat of cruelty to a family pet committed
212 with the intent to intimidate, threaten, or harass, or as a
213 means of coercive control. A family pet includes a service



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animal as defined in s. 413.08(1), and an emotional support
animal as defined in s. 760.27(1).

(3) "Coercive control" means a knowing pattern or course of
conduct by a person against a family or household member that,
in purpose or effect, unreasonably interferes with the free
will, personal liberty, autonomy, economic security, or
psychological safety of that person, whether or not physical
force is used, and that is used to establish, maintain, or
enforce power, domination, or dependency within the
relationship.

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

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

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

(7) Upon a finding by the factfinder that the defendant



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committed the charged offense and that the charged offense
constitutes an act of domestic violence, the penalty for any
felony or misdemeanor, or any delinquent act or violation of law
which would be a felony or misdemeanor if committed by an adult,
may be enhanced. Penalty enhancement affects the applicable
statutory maximum penalty only. Each of the findings required as
a basis for such sentence shall be found beyond a reasonable
doubt. The enhancement will be as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

For purposes of sentencing under chapter 921 and determining
incentive gain-time eligibility under chapter 944, such felony
offense is ranked as provided in s. 921.0022 or s. 921.0023, and
without regard to the penalty enhancement in this subsection.

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

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

(1) If a person is found guilty of, has adjudication
withheld on, or pleads nolo contendere to a crime of domestic



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violence, ~~as defined in s. 741.28,~~ that person shall be ordered by the court to a minimum term of 1 year's probation and the court shall order that the defendant attend and complete a batterers' intervention program as a condition of probation. The court must impose the condition of the batterers' intervention program for a defendant under this section, but the court, in its discretion, may determine not to impose the condition if it states on the record why a batterers' intervention program might be inappropriate. The court must impose the condition of the batterers' intervention program for a defendant placed on probation unless the court determines that the person does not qualify for the batterers' intervention program pursuant to s. 741.325. The imposition of probation under this section does not preclude the court from imposing any sentence of imprisonment authorized by s. 775.082.

(2) If a person is found guilty of, has adjudication withheld on, or pleads nolo contendere to a crime of domestic violence, the court may order the person to have electronic monitoring supervision as a condition of his or her probation. The court must order electronic monitoring supervision in the following situations:

(a) The court finds there is clear and convincing evidence that the defendant poses a continuing threat to the victim;

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

(c) During the investigation of an alleged incident of domestic violence, there is evidence of strangulation or other indications that warrant a higher level of concern for the well-



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being of the petitioner.

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

741.282 Domestic violence deferred sentencing program.—

(1) The state attorney may enter into a written plea agreement with a defendant to allow such person to defer sentencing so that he or she may participate in a domestic violence deferred sentencing program. If a domestic violence diversion program does not exist, a defendant may enter into a written plea agreement to defer sentencing to allow such person to participate in an alternative treatment court program if he or she meets eligibility criteria. The Department of Corrections shall supervise the domestic violence diversion programs.

(2) Notwithstanding s. 741.283, a person is eligible to participate in a domestic violence deferred sentencing program, or alternative treatment court program as applicable, if the person is charged with the commission of a misdemeanor of domestic violence under s. 741.31 and the person is a first-time domestic violence offender.

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

(a) The person must enter a plea of guilty or nolo contendere. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a person entering such deferred sentencing agreement may not be remanded to custody pending sentencing unless he or she has violated the terms of the deferred sentencing agreement.

(b) The person agrees to attend and participate in a domestic violence deferred sentencing program.



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(c) The person knowingly signs a waiver of his or her right to a speedy trial for the period of his or her participation in the deferred sentencing program.

(d) All terms necessary for successful completion of the deferred sentencing program.

(4) A person who participates in a domestic violence deferred sentencing program must:

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

(b) Complete the domestic violence deferred sentencing program within 1-year after the person enters the program.

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

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

1. If a qualified professional determines that the person has mental health or substance use disorder, the qualified professional must provide a treatment plan for the person. A qualified professional who provides a treatment according to the treatment plan for a person in the program must provide to the court weekly treatment progress reports.

2. At the end of the domestic violence deferred sentencing program, the qualified professional must certify to the court that the person has complied with all requirements of the



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treatment plan.

(5) (a) Upon successful completion of the domestic violence deferred sentencing program, the state attorney must permit the defendant to withdraw his or her plea and the state attorney must enter a nolle prosequere.

(b) If at any time the state attorney finds that the defendant has violated the deferred sentencing program or that the defendant has not successfully completed the deferred sentencing program, the state attorney must notify the court. The court must set the case for sentencing.

(6) Notwithstanding this section, data relating to domestic violence offenses must be collected pursuant to s. 900.05, and the state attorney may retain information relating to the defendant's participation in the deferred sentencing program.

Section 8. Section 741.285, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

741.285 Domestic Violence During an Active State of Emergency.—

If a person commits an offense of domestic violence during an emergency, as defined in s. 252.34(4), for which a state of emergency is declared under s. 252.36, such offense may be reclassified if the offense occurred within the affected area of such emergency, and there is in effect a curfew, evacuation order, or the ingress and egress to the affected area is controlled. The reclassification is as follows:

(1) A misdemeanor of the second degree is reclassified to a misdemeanor of the first degree.

(2) A misdemeanor of the first degree is reclassified to a felony of the third degree.



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(3) A felony of the third degree is reclassified to a felony of the second degree.

(4) A felony of the second degree is reclassified to a felony of the first degree.

(5) A felony of the first degree is reclassified to a life felony.

Section 9. Subsection (1) of section 741.29, Florida Statutes, is amended, to read:

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

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

(a) Assist the victim to obtain medical treatment if ~~such~~ ~~is~~ required as a result of the alleged incident to which the officer responds.†

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

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

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



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state. The notice must include all of the following:

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

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

~~3.2.~~ A copy of the following statement:

IF YOU ARE THE VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, you may ask the state attorney to file a criminal complaint. You also have the right to go to court and file a petition requesting an injunction for protection from domestic violence which may include, but need not be limited to, provisions which restrain the abuser from further acts of abuse; direct the abuser to leave your household; prevent the abuser from entering your residence, school, business, or place of employment; award you custody of your minor child or children; and direct the abuser to pay support to you and the minor children if the abuser has a legal obligation to do so.

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

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



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

(3)

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

PETITION FOR
INJUNCTION FOR PROTECTION
AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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

1.~~(a)~~ Petitioner resides at: ...(address)...

(Petitioner may furnish address to the court in a separate confidential filing if, for safety reasons, the petitioner requires the location of the current residence to be confidential.)

2.~~(b)~~ Respondent resides at: ...(last known address)...

3.~~(c)~~ Respondent's last known place of employment: ...(name of business and address)...

4.~~(d)~~ Physical description of respondent:

Race.....

Sex.....

Date of birth.....

Height.....

Weight.....

Eye color.....

Hair color.....

Distinguishing marks or scars.....



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5.~~(e)~~ Aliases of respondent:

6.~~(f)~~ Respondent is the spouse or former spouse of the petitioner or is any other person related by blood or marriage to the petitioner or is any other person who is or was residing within a single dwelling unit with the petitioner, as if a family, or is a person with whom the petitioner has a child in common, regardless of whether the petitioner and respondent are or were married or residing together, as if a family.

7.~~(g)~~ The following describes any other cause of action currently pending between the petitioner and respondent:

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

Case numbers should be included if available.

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

.....
.....
....committed or threatened to commit domestic violence defined in s. 741.28, Florida Statutes,~~as any assault,~~



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~~aggravated assault, battery, aggravated battery, sexual assault, sexual battery, stalking, aggravated stalking, kidnapping, false imprisonment, or any criminal offense resulting in physical injury or death of one family or household member by another.~~

With the exception of persons who are parents of a child in common, the family or household members must be currently residing or have in the past resided together in the same single dwelling unit. Refer to s. 741.28, to view the enumerated criminal offenses that may constitute domestic violence.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

....destroyed personal property, including, but not limited to, telephones or other communication equipment, clothing, or



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other items belonging to the petitioner.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

....Immediately restraining the respondent from committing any acts of domestic violence.

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



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....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.

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

....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 location authorized by a supervised visitation program as defined in s. 753.01 if temporary time-sharing of the child is awarded to the respondent.

....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.

(6)

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

1. The history between the petitioner and the respondent,



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including threats, harassment, stalking, and physical abuse.

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

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

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

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

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

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

8. The existence of a verifiable order of protection issued previously or from another jurisdiction.

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

10. Whether the respondent has or had engaged in a pattern of abusive, threatening, intimidating, or controlling behavior composed of a series of acts over a period of time, however short, which evidences a continuity of purpose and which reasonably causes the petitioner to believe that the petitioner or his or her minor child or children are in imminent danger of



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becoming victims of any act of domestic violence.

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

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

(8)

(b) A Domestic, Dating, Sexual, and Repeat Violence Injunction Statewide Verification System is created within the Department of Law Enforcement. The department shall establish, implement, and maintain a statewide communication system capable of electronically transmitting information to and between criminal justice agencies relating to domestic violence injunctions, dating violence injunctions, sexual violence injunctions, and repeat violence injunctions issued by the courts throughout the state. Such information must include, but is not limited to, information as to the existence and status of any injunction for verification purposes.

Section 11. Present subsection (6) of section 741.31, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (7) and amended, a new subsection (6) is added to that section, and paragraph (c) of subsection (4) and subsection (5) of that section are amended, to read:

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

(4)

(c) A person who has a ~~two or more~~ prior conviction



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~~convictions~~ for a violation of an injunction or a foreign protection order, and who subsequently commits another a violation of any injunction or foreign protection order, regardless of whether the violation is against the same victim, commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083 or s. 775.084. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "conviction" means a determination of guilt which is the result of a plea or a trial, regardless of whether adjudication is withheld or a plea of nolo contendere is entered.

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

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

(b) The court may order the respondent to electronic monitoring supervision for a period of one year, if the injunction for protection remains in effect. The court may extend such an order if the respondent violates the injunction for protection or commits a new criminal offense. If electronic monitoring is ordered, the court must establish exclusion zones and include safety planning and informed consent for the petitioner. The respondent is responsible for paying for the electronic monitoring services as provided in s. 948.09(2).

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



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

Section 12. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) and subsection (11) of section 784.046, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

(4)

(b) The verified petition must be in substantially the 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.)



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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)...

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



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

5.4. Petitioner genuinely fears repeat violence by the respondent.

6.5. Petitioner seeks: an immediate injunction against the respondent, enjoining him or her from committing any further acts of violence; an injunction enjoining the respondent from committing any further acts of violence; and an injunction providing any terms the court deems necessary for the protection of the petitioner and the petitioner's immediate family, including any injunctions or directives to law enforcement agencies.

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

(a) Assist the victim to obtain medical treatment if ~~such~~ ~~is~~ required as a result of the alleged incident to which the officer responds.

~~(b) Any law enforcement officer who investigates an alleged incident of dating violence shall~~ Advise the victim of such



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violence that there is a domestic violence center from which the victim may receive services.

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

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

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

3. ~~(b)~~ A copy of the following statement:

"IF YOU ARE THE VICTIM OF DATING VIOLENCE, you may ask the state attorney to file a criminal complaint. You also have the right to go to court and file a petition requesting an injunction for protection from dating violence which may include, but need not be limited to, provisions that restrain the abuser from further acts of abuse; direct the abuser to leave your household; and prevent the abuser from entering your residence, school, business, or place of employment."

(d) Give the victim a pamphlet developed and distributed by



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the department which describes the short-term and long-term effects of strangulation and the importance of seeking medical treatment if the victim was strangled.

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

Section 13. Subsection (2) of section 784.047, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsections (3) is added to that section, to read:

784.047 Penalties for violating protective injunction against violators.—

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

(3)(a) The court may order the respondent to electronic monitoring supervision for a period of one year, if the injunction for protection remains in effect. The court may extend such an order if the respondent violates the injunction for protection or commits a new criminal offense. If electronic monitoring is ordered, the court must establish exclusion zones and include safety planning and informed consent for the



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petitioner. The respondent is responsible for paying for the
electronic monitoring services as provided in s. 948.09(2).

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

Section 14. Section 784.0471, Florida Statutes, is created
to read:

784.0471 Violation of a protective injunction during a
state of emergency.—

If a person commits a violation of an injunction for
protection against dating violence, repeat violence, or sexual
violence during an emergency, as defined in s. 252.34(4), for
which a state of emergency is declared under s. 252.36 may be
reclassified if the offense occurred within the affected area of
such emergency, and there is in effect a curfew, evacuation
order, or the ingress and egress to the affected area is
controlled. The reclassification is as follows:

(1) A misdemeanor of the second degree is reclassified to a
misdemeanor of the first degree.

(2) A misdemeanor of the first degree is reclassified to a
felony of the third degree.

(3) A felony of the third degree is reclassified to a
felony of the second degree.

(4) A felony of the second degree is reclassified to a
felony of the first degree.

(5) A felony of the first degree is reclassified to a life
felony.

Section 15. Subsection (1) of section 960.198, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

960.198 Relocation assistance for victims of domestic



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violence.—

(1) Notwithstanding the criteria set forth in s. 960.13 for crime victim compensation awards, the department may award a one-time payment of up to \$2,500 ~~\$1,500~~ on any one claim and a lifetime maximum of \$5,000 ~~\$3,000~~ to a victim of domestic violence who needs immediate assistance to escape from a domestic violence environment.

Section 16. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 921.0024, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

921.0024 Criminal Punishment Code; worksheet computations; scoresheets.—

(1)

(b) WORKSHEET KEY:

Legal status points are assessed when any form of legal status existed at the time the offender committed an offense before the court for sentencing. Four (4) sentence points are assessed for an offender's legal status.

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

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

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



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948.06:

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

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

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

b. Twenty-four (24) community sanction violation points are assessed for the violation and for each successive violation of felony probation or community control where the violation includes a new felony conviction.

Multiple counts of community sanction violations before the sentencing court shall not be a basis for multiplying the assessment of community sanction violation points.

Prior serious felony points: If the offender has a primary offense or any additional offense ranked in level 8, level 9, or level 10, and one or more prior serious felonies, a single assessment of thirty (30) points shall be added. For purposes of this section, a prior serious felony is an offense in the offender's prior record that is ranked in level 8, level 9, or level 10 under s. 921.0022 or s. 921.0023 and for which the offender is serving a sentence of confinement, supervision, or other sanction or for which the offender's date of release from confinement, supervision, or other sanction, whichever is later, is within 3 years before the date the primary offense or any additional offense was committed.



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Prior capital felony points: If the offender has one or more prior capital felonies in the offender's criminal record, points shall be added to the subtotal sentence points of the offender equal to twice the number of points the offender receives for the primary offense and any additional offense. A prior capital felony in the offender's criminal record is a previous capital felony offense for which the offender has entered a plea of nolo contendere or guilty or has been found guilty; or a felony in another jurisdiction which is a capital felony in that jurisdiction, or would be a capital felony if the offense were committed in this state.

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

Sentencing multipliers:

Aggravated Animal Cruelty: If the primary offense is aggravated animal cruelty under s. 828.12(2), which included the knowing



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and intentional torture or torment of an animal that injured, mutilated, or killed the animal, the subtotal sentence points are multiplied by 1.25. As used in this paragraph, the term "animal" does not include an animal used for agricultural purposes or permitted as captive wildlife as authorized under s. 379.303.

Drug trafficking: If the primary offense is drug trafficking under s. 893.135, the subtotal sentence points are multiplied, at the discretion of the court, for a level 7 or level 8 offense, by 1.5. The state attorney may move the sentencing court to reduce or suspend the sentence of a person convicted of a level 7 or level 8 offense, if the offender provides substantial assistance as described in s. 893.135(4).

Violent offenses committed against specified justice system personnel: If the primary offense is a violation of s. 775.0823(2), (3), or (4), the subtotal sentence points are multiplied by 2.5. If the primary offense is a violation of s. 775.0823(5), (6), (7), (8), or (9), the subtotal sentence points are multiplied by 2.0. If the primary offense is a violation of s. 784.07(3) or s. 775.0875(1), or s. 775.0823(10) or (11), the subtotal sentence points are multiplied by 1.5.

Grand theft of a motor vehicle: If the primary offense is grand theft of the third degree involving a motor vehicle and in the offender's prior record, there are three or more grand thefts of the third degree involving a motor vehicle, the subtotal sentence points are multiplied by 1.5.



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Fleeing or attempting to elude a law enforcement officer: If the primary offense is fleeing or attempting to elude a law enforcement officer or aggravated fleeing or eluding in violation of s. 316.1935, and in the offender's prior record, there is one or more violation of s. 316.1935, the subtotal sentence points are multiplied by 1.5.

Offense related to a criminal gang: If the offender is convicted of the primary offense and committed that offense for the purpose of benefiting, promoting, or furthering the interests of a criminal gang as defined in s. 874.03, the subtotal sentence points are multiplied by 1.5. If applying the multiplier results in the lowest permissible sentence exceeding the statutory maximum sentence for the primary offense under chapter 775, the court may not apply the multiplier and must sentence the defendant to the statutory maximum sentence.

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

Adult-on-minor sex offense: If the offender was 18 years of age or older and the victim was younger than 18 years of age at the time the offender committed the primary offense, and if the



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primary offense was an offense committed on or after October 1, 2014, and is a violation of s. 787.01(2) or s. 787.02(2), if the violation involved a victim who was a minor and, in the course of committing that violation, the defendant committed a sexual battery under chapter 794 or a lewd act under s. 800.04 or s. 847.0135(5) against the minor; s. 787.01(3)(a)2. or 3.; s. 787.02(3)(a)2. or 3.; s. 794.011, excluding s. 794.011(10); s. 800.04; or s. 847.0135(5), the subtotal sentence points are multiplied by 2.0. If applying the multiplier results in the lowest permissible sentence exceeding the statutory maximum sentence for the primary offense under chapter 775, the court may not apply the multiplier and must sentence the defendant to the statutory maximum sentence.

Section 17. Paragraph (f) of subsection (2) of section 943.0584, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

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

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

Section 18. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 943.171, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:



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943.171 Basic skills training in handling domestic violence cases.—

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

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

Section 19. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause and insert:

A bill to be entitled
An act relating to violent criminal offenses;
providing a short title; amending s. 365.171, F.S.;
requiring the emergency communications state plan to
include a system or process to flag specified
addresses; requiring that such system correspond
between all emergency services; requiring that an
address remain flagged for a specified period of time;
providing that such period of time resets under
certain circumstances; requiring counties to integrate
such system or process in accordance with the county's
resources and availability; amending s. 401.27, F.S.;
requiring the Department of Health to establish
certain training criteria by rule; requiring emergency
medical technicians and paramedics to complete
training in the subject of domestic violence, dating
violence, and strangulation for certification and
recertification; providing requirements for such



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training; requiring emergency medical technicians and paramedics who are trained outside this state or in the military to provide proof of successful completion of such training; amending s. 633.408, F.S.; requiring the Division of State Fire Marshal within the Department of Financial Services to establish certain training courses by rule; requiring the division to provide training on the subject of domestic violence, dating violence, and strangulation for the certification of career and volunteer firefighters; providing requirements for such training; amending s. 741.28, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "domestic violence"; defining the term "electronic monitoring"; amending s. 741.281, F.S.; authorizing, and in certain circumstances requiring, a court to order electronic monitoring in domestic violence cases; creating s. 741.282, F.S.; authorizing the court or a state attorney to enter into a written agreement with certain persons to participate in a domestic violence diversion program; requiring the Department of Corrections to supervise such diversion programs; providing conditions a person must accept in order to participate in a diversion program; providing requirements for a person participating in a diversion program; requiring a qualified professional to provide a treatment plan under certain circumstances; requiring a qualified professional to file with the court weekly treatment progress reports based on a specified determination; requiring a qualified



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1084 professional to make a specified certification to the
1085 court; requiring the court to make certain written
1086 findings; providing requirements for the court based
1087 on whether a person successfully completes the
1088 diversion program; creating s. 741.285, F.S.;
1089 providing an enhancement to offenses of domestic
1090 violence that occur during an active state of
1091 emergency in an affected area; amending s. 741.29,
1092 F.S.; revising the information a law enforcement
1093 officer must provide to a victim of an alleged
1094 incident of domestic violence; amending s. 741.30,
1095 F.S.; revising the information contained in a petition
1096 for injunction for protection against domestic
1097 violence; revising the name of the statewide
1098 verification system created within the Department of
1099 Law Enforcement; amending s. 741.31, F.S.;
1100 reclassifying a subsequent violation of an injunction
1101 for protection against domestic violence as a third
1102 degree felony offense; removing the requirement for
1103 subsequent violations to be against the same victim;
1104 authorizing, and in certain circumstances requiring, a
1105 court to order electronic monitoring for a specified
1106 duration in domestic violence cases; requiring the
1107 respondent to pay for such electronic monitoring
1108 services; amending s. 784.046, F.S.; revising the
1109 information contained in a petition for injunction for
1110 protection against repeat violence, sexual violence,
1111 or dating violence; revising the information a law
1112 enforcement officer must provide to a victim of an



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1113 alleged incident of dating violence; requiring a law
1114 enforcement officer to administer a lethality
1115 assessment in an alleged incident of dating violence;
1116 amending s. 784.047, F.S.; reclassifying a subsequent
1117 violation of an injunction for protection against
1118 dating violence, repeat violence, or sexual violence
1119 as a third degree felony offense; removing the
1120 requirement for subsequent violations to be against
1121 the same victim; authorizing, and in certain
1122 circumstances requiring, a court to order electronic
1123 monitoring for a specified duration for violating an
1124 injunction for protection against dating violence,
1125 repeat violence, or sexual violence; requiring the
1126 respondent to pay for such electronic monitoring
1127 services; creating s. 784.0471, F.S.; providing an
1128 enhancement to violations of injunctions for
1129 protection against dating violence, repeat violence,
1130 and sexual violence that occur during an active state
1131 of emergency in an affected area; amending s. 960.198,
1132 F.S.; increasing the dollar amounts for relocation
1133 assistance for victims of domestic violence; amending
1134 ss. 921.0024, 943.0584, and 943.171, F.S.; conforming
1135 cross-references; providing an effective date.