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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to involuntary civil commitment of
3	sexually violent predators; amending s. 394.912, F.S.;
4	redefining terms; creating s. 394.9125, F.S.;
5	authorizing and requiring a state attorney to refer
6	certain persons for civil commitment under certain
7	circumstances; requiring the state attorney to notify
8	county and municipal jails of a referral within a
9	specified timeframe; authorizing the state attorney to
10	file a petition requesting that a person be taken into
11	custody for civil commitment proceedings; requiring a
12	judge to order a person into custody for civil
13	commitment proceedings upon making specified findings;
14	amending s. 394.913, F.S.; requiring the agency with
15	jurisdiction over a person who has been convicted of a
16	sexually violent offense to give written notice to the
17	multidisciplinary team as soon as practicable after
18	receipt into custody of such person in a county or
19	municipal jail facility; authorizing the
20	multidisciplinary team to consult with law enforcement
21	agencies and victim advocate groups as part of the
22	assessment and evaluation process; authorizing a
23	clinical evaluation; requiring a second clinical
24	evaluation under certain circumstances; requiring the
25	Department of Children and Families to recommend that
26	the state attorney file a civil commitment petition
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27 under certain circumstances; requiring the department 28 to send a recommendation to the state attorney for 29 further review under certain circumstances if a person 30 does not meet the definition of a sexually violent 31 predator; requiring the multidisciplinary team to 32 reexamine the case under certain circumstances; 33 revising the timeframes for the written assessment; 34 requiring the multidisciplinary team to give equal 35 consideration to an attempt, criminal solicitation, or 36 conspiracy to commit certain offenses as it does to 37 the commission of such offenses; amending s. 394.9135, 38 F.S.; providing for certain released persons to be 39 taken into custody by the Department of Children and Families; authorizing the state attorney to file, 40 41 within a specific timeframe, a petition alleging that 42 a person released from a local detention facility was 43 not referred as required before release because of a mistake, oversight, or intentional act or was referred 44 45 for commitment consideration but released rather than transferred to custody, as required, due to a mistake, 46 47 oversight, or intentional act; requiring a judge to 48 order that a person so released be taken into custody 49 and delivered to an appropriate secure facility under 50 certain circumstances; amending s. 394.914, F.S.; 51 authorizing the state attorney to file a petition for 52 civil commitment regardless of the multidisciplinary

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53 team's recommendation; amending s. 394.918, F.S., 54 authorizing the petitioner and respondent to present evidence at a civil commitment probable cause hearing; 55 56 amending s. 394.926, F.S.; requiring the department to provide written notice of placement of a person in the 57 58 department's custody to a victim of such person; 59 requiring the department to notify the Department of 60 Corrections, the Department of Law Enforcement, and 61 the sheriff of the county in which such person intends to reside of the release of a sexually violent 62 63 predator or a person who is in custody; requiring the Department of Children and Families to enroll certain 64 persons in an arrest notification program and to 65 notify the state attorney upon receiving an arrest 66 67 alert; amending s. 394.931, F.S.; requiring the Department of Corrections to collect recidivism 68 information; amending s. 943.053, F.S.; requiring the 69 70 Department of Law Enforcement to provide the 71 Department of Children and Families access to the 72 arrest notification program; providing for 73 severability; providing an effective date. 74 75 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 76 77 Section 1. Subsections (1), (3), (7), and (11) of section 78 394.912, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph (i) is Page 3 of 20 PCS for HB 7019

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79	added to subsection (9) of that section, to read:		
80	394.912 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:		
81	(1) "Agency with jurisdiction" means the <u>entity</u> <del>agency</del>		
82	that releases, upon lawful order or authority, a person who is		
83	serving a sentence in the custody of the Department of		
84	Corrections, a person who was adjudicated delinquent and is		
85	committed to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice,		
86	<del>or</del> a person who was involuntarily committed to the custody of		
87	the Department of Children and <u>Families</u> <del>Family Services</del> upon an		
88	adjudication of not guilty by reason of insanity, or a person		
89	who is serving a sentence in a county or municipal jail for a		
90	sexually violent offense as defined in paragraph (9)(i).		
91	(3) "Department" means the Department of Children and		
92	Families Family Services.		
93	(7) "Secretary" means the secretary of the Department of		
94	Children and <u>Families</u> <del>Family Services</del> .		
95	(9) "Sexually violent offense" means:		
96	(i) A criminal offense in which the state attorney refers		
97	a person to the department for civil commitment proceedings		
98	pursuant to s. 394.9125.		
99	(11) "Total confinement" means that the person is		
100	currently being held in any physically secure facility being		
101	operated or contractually operated for the Department of		
102	Corrections, the Department of Juvenile Justice, or the		
103	Department of Children and <u>Families</u> <del>Family Services</del> . A person		
104	shall also be deemed to be in total confinement for		
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105	applicability of provisions under this part if.	
	applicability of provisions under this part if:	
106	<u>(a)</u> The person is serving an incarcerative sentence under	
107	the custody of the Department of Corrections or the Department	
108	of Juvenile Justice and is being held in any other secure	
109	facility for any reason <u>;</u>	
110	(b) The person is serving a sentence in a county or	
111	municipal jail for a sexually violent offense as defined in	
112	paragraph (9)(i); or	
113	(c) A court or the agency with jurisdiction determines	
114	that the person who is being held should have been lawfully	
115	released at an earlier date and that the provisions of this part	<u>.</u>
116	would have been applicable to the person on the date that he or	
117	she should have been lawfully released.	
118	Section 2. Section 394.9125, Florida Statutes, is created	
119	to read:	
120	394.9125 State attorney; authority to refer a person for	
121	civil commitment	
122	(1) A state attorney shall refer a person to the	
123	department for civil commitment proceedings if:	
124	(a) The state attorney receives an arrest alert on the	
125	person pursuant to s. 394.926(4); and	
126	(b) The person is subsequently sentenced to a term of	
127	imprisonment in a county or municipal jail for any criminal	
128	offense.	
129	(2) A state attorney may refer a person to the department	
130	for civil commitment proceedings if the person:	
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131 (a) Is required to register as a sexual offender pursuant 132 to s. 943.0435; 133 Has previously been convicted of a sexually violent (b) 134 offense as defined in s. 394.912(9)(a)-(h); and 135 (C) Has been sentenced to a term of imprisonment in a 136 county or municipal jail for any criminal offense. 137 (3) A state attorney who refers a person for civil 138 commitment pursuant to subsection (1) or subsection (2) shall 139 notify the county or municipal jail to which the person has been sentenced within 24 hours after the referral is made. 140 141 (4) (a) If a person is sentenced to a term of imprisonment 142 in a county or municipal jail but is not subsequently totally 143 confined in the jail due to receiving credit for time served, 144 the state attorney may file a petition with the circuit court 145 within 120 hours after such person's sentencing proceeding 146 requesting the court to order such person into the department's 147 custody for purposes of initiating civil commitment proceedings. 148 (b) If the judge determines that there is probable cause to believe that the person should have been referred to the 149 150 department pursuant to subsection (1) or subsection (2) but that 151 the referral was not made because the person was not totally 152 confined in a county or municipal jail due to receiving credit 153 for time served, the judge shall order that the person be taken 154 into custody and delivered to the custody of the department for 155 civil commitment proceedings. Section 3. Section 394.913, Florida Statutes, is amended 156 Page 6 of 20

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157 to read:

158 394.913 Notice to state attorney and multidisciplinary 159 team of release of sexually violent predator; establishing 160 multidisciplinary teams; information to be provided to 161 multidisciplinary teams.-

162 The agency with jurisdiction over a person who has (1)163 been convicted of a sexually violent offense shall give written 164 notice to the multidisciplinary team<sub>au</sub> and shall provide a copy 165 of the notice to the state attorney of the circuit in which where that person was last convicted of a sexually violent 166 offense. If the person has never been convicted of a sexually 167 violent offense in this state but has been convicted of a 168 sexually violent offense in another state or in federal court, 169 170 the agency with jurisdiction shall give written notice to the 171 multidisciplinary team and a copy to the state attorney of the 172 circuit in which where the person was last convicted of any offense in this state. If the person is being confined in this 173 174 state pursuant to interstate compact and has a prior or current 175 conviction for a sexually violent offense, the agency with 176 jurisdiction shall give written notice to the multidisciplinary 177 team and shall provide a copy to the state attorney of the circuit in which where the person plans to reside upon release 178 or, if no residence in this state is planned, the state attorney 179 180 in the circuit in which where the facility from which the person 181 to be released is located. Except as provided in s. 394.9135, 182 the written notice must be given:

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(a) At least 545 days <u>before</u> prior to the anticipated
release from total confinement of a person serving a sentence in
the custody of the Department of Corrections, except that in the
case of <u>a person</u> persons who <u>is</u> are totally confined for a
period of less than 545 days, written notice must be given as
soon as practicable;

(b) At least 180 days <u>before</u> prior to the anticipated release from residential commitment of a person committed to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice, except that in the case of <u>a person</u> persons who <u>is</u> are committed to <u>a</u> low or moderate risk <u>facility</u>, written notice must be given as soon as practicable; <del>or</del>

(c) At least 180 days <u>before</u> prior to the anticipated hearing regarding possible release of a person committed to the custody of the department who has been found not guilty by reason of insanity or mental incapacity of a sexually violent offense; or.

200 (d) At least 180 days before the anticipated release from 201 total confinement of a person serving a sentence in a county or 202 municipal jail, except that in the case of a person who is 203 totally confined for a period of less than 180 days, written 204 notice must be given as soon as practicable.

(2) The agency having jurisdiction shall provide themultidisciplinary team with the following information:

(a) The person's name; identifying characteristics;
 anticipated future residence; the type of supervision the person
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209 will receive in the community, if any; and the person's offense 210 history;

(b) The person's criminal history, including police reports, victim statements, presentence investigation reports, postsentence investigation reports, if available, and any other documents containing facts of the person's criminal incidents or indicating whether the criminal incidents included sexual acts or were sexually motivated;

(c) Mental health, mental status, and medical records,
including all clinical records and notes concerning the person;

(d) Documentation of institutional adjustment and any treatment received and, in the case of an adjudicated delinquent committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice, copies of the most recent performance plan and performance summary; and

(e) If the person was returned to custody after a period
of supervision, documentation of adjustment during supervision
and any treatment received.

(3) (a) The secretary or his or her designee shallestablish a multidisciplinary team or teams.

(b) Each team shall include, but <u>need</u> is not <u>be</u> limited
to, two licensed psychiatrists or psychologists or one licensed
psychiatrist and one licensed psychologist.

231 (c) The multidisciplinary team shall assess and evaluate 232 each person referred to the team. The assessment and evaluation 233 <u>must shall</u> include a review of the person's institutional 234 history and treatment record, if any, the person's criminal

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235 background, and any other factor that is relevant to the 236 determination of whether <u>the</u> such person is a sexually violent 237 predator.

238 (d) The multidisciplinary team may consult with law 239 enforcement agencies and victim advocate groups during the 240 assessment and evaluation process. A clinical evaluation of the person may be conducted. A second clinical evaluation must be 241 242 conducted if a member of the multidisciplinary team questions the conclusion of the first clinical evaluation. All members of 243 the multidisciplinary team shall review, at a minimum, the 244 245 information provided in subsection (2) and any clinical 246 evaluation before making a recommendation pursuant to paragraph 247 (f).

248 (e) (c) Before recommending that a person meets the 249 definition of a sexually violent predator, the person must be 250 offered a personal interview. If the person agrees to 251 participate in a personal interview, at least one member of the 252 team who is a licensed psychiatrist or psychologist must conduct 253 a personal interview of the person. If the person refuses to 254 fully participate in a personal interview, the multidisciplinary 255 team may proceed with its recommendation without the a personal 256 interview of the person.

257 (f) After all clinical evaluations have been completed,
 258 the department shall provide to the state attorney a written
 259 assessment and recommendation as to whether the person meets the

260 definition of a sexually violent predator.

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261 1. The department must recommend that the state attorney file a petition for civil commitment if at least two members of 262 263 the multidisciplinary team determine that the person meets the 264 definition of a sexually violent predator. 265 2. When the department determines that a person who has 266 received a clinical evaluation does or does not meet the 267 definition of a sexually violent predator, the written 268 assessment and recommendation shall be sent to the state attorney. If the state attorney questions, in writing, the 269 270 determination that the person does or does not meet the 271 definition of a sexually violent predator, the multidisciplinary 272 team must reexamine the case before a final written assessment 273 and recommendation is provided to the state attorney. 274 (g) (d) The Attorney General's Office shall serve as legal 275 counsel to the multidisciplinary team. 276 After all clinical evaluations have been (h)<del>(e)1.</del> 277 completed, but at least 1 month before the person's scheduled 278 release date, if the referral date is at least 90 days before 279 the person's scheduled release date, the multidisciplinary team shall provide to the state attorney Within 180 days after 280 receiving notice, there shall be a written assessment and 281 282 recommendation as to whether the person meets the definition of 283 a sexually violent predator and a written recommendation, which 284 shall be provided to the state attorney. If the referral date is 285 less than 90 days before the person's expiration of sentence, 286 the multidisciplinary team shall provide to the state attorney a Page 11 of 20

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287 written assessment and recommendation as to whether the person 288 meets the definition of a sexually violent predator as soon as 289 is practicable before the person's expiration of sentence. The 290 written recommendation shall be provided by the Department of 291 Children and <u>Families</u> Family Services and <u>must</u> shall include the 292 written report of the multidisciplinary team.

293 2. Notwithstanding subparagraph 1., in the case of a 294 person for whom the written assessment and recommendation has 295 not been completed at least 365 days before his or her release 296 from total confinement, the department shall prioritize the 297 assessment of that person based upon the person's release date.

298 The multidisciplinary team shall give equal (4) 299 consideration in the evaluation and assessment of an offender 300 whose sexually violent offense was an attempt, criminal 301 solicitation, or conspiracy, in violation of s. 777.04, to 302 commit a sexually violent offense enumerated in s. 394.912(9) as 303 it does in the evaluation and assessment of an offender who 304 completed such an enumerated sexually violent offense. A rule or 305 policy may not be established which reduces the level of 306 consideration because the sexually violent offense was an 307 attempt, criminal solicitation, or conspiracy.

308 <u>(5)(4)</u> The provisions of This section <u>is</u> are not 309 jurisdictional, and failure to comply with <u>it</u> them in no way 310 prevents the state attorney from proceeding against a person 311 otherwise subject to the provisions of this part.

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Section 4. Section 394.9135, Florida Statutes, is amended Page 12 of 20

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313 to read:

314 394.9135 Immediate releases from total confinement; 315 transfer of person to department; time limitations on 316 assessment, notification, and filing petition to hold in 317 custody; filing petition after release; order into custody of 318 department after release.-

(1) (a) If the anticipated release from total confinement of a person who has been convicted of a sexually violent offense becomes immediate for any reason, the agency with jurisdiction shall upon immediate release from total confinement transfer that person to the custody of the department of Children and Family Services to be held in an appropriate secure facility.

325 (b) If a person who committed a sexually violent offense 326 and who is serving an incarcerative sentence under the custody 327 of the Department of Corrections or the Department of Juvenile 328 Justice is released from a local detention facility, the state 329 attorney, as designated in s. 394.913, may file a petition with 330 the circuit court within 120 hours after the person's release 331 alleging that:

332 <u>1. Section 394.913 or this section requires that the</u> 333 <u>person be referred for consideration for civil commitment before</u> 334 <u>release and the person was not referred because of a mistake,</u> 335 <u>oversight, or intentional act; or</u> 336 <u>2. The person was referred for commitment consideration</u>

## 337 but, through a mistake, oversight, or intentional act, was

338 released rather than transferred to the custody of the

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339 Department of Children and Families as required by this part. 340 341 If the judge determines that there is probable cause to believe 342 that the person was released in contravention of s. 394.913 or 343 this section, the judge shall order the person to be taken into 344 custody and delivered to an appropriate secure facility 345 designated by the Department of Children and Families. 346 (2)Within 72 hours after transfer pursuant to paragraph 347 (1) (a) or receipt into the department's custody pursuant to paragraph (1)(b) or s. 394.9125(4), the multidisciplinary team 348 349 shall assess whether the person meets the definition of a 350 sexually violent predator as defined in s. 394.912. If at least 351 two members of the multidisciplinary team, after all clinical 352 evaluations have been conducted, determine determines that the 353 person does not meet the definition of a sexually violent 354 predator, that person shall be immediately released. If the 355 multidisciplinary team determines that the person meets the 356 definition of a sexually violent predator, the team shall 357 provide the state attorney, as designated by s. 394.913, with 358 its written assessment and recommendation within the 72-hour 359 period or, if the 72-hour period ends after 5 p.m. on a working 360 day or on a weekend or holiday, within the next working day 361 thereafter. 362 (3) Within 48 hours after receipt of the written 363 assessment and recommendation from the multidisciplinary team, 364 the state attorney, as designated in s. 394.913, may file a

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365 petition with the circuit court alleging that the person is a sexually violent predator and stating facts sufficient to 366 367 support the such allegation. If a petition is not filed within 368 48 hours after receipt of the written assessment and 369 recommendation by the state attorney, the person shall be 370 immediately released, except that, if the 48-hour period ends 371 after 5 p.m. on a working day or on a weekend or holiday, the 372 petition may be filed on the next working day without resulting 373 in the person's release. If a petition is filed pursuant to this section and the judge determines that there is probable cause to 374 believe that the person is a sexually violent predator, the 375 376 judge shall order that the person be maintained in custody and 377 held in an appropriate secure facility for further proceedings 378 in accordance with this part.

(4) The provisions of This section <u>is</u> are not jurisdictional, and failure to comply with the time limitations<sub>au</sub> which results in the release of a person who has been convicted of a sexually violent offense<sub>au</sub> is not dispositive of the case and does not prevent the state attorney from proceeding against a person otherwise subject to the provisions of this part.</sub>

385 Section 5. Section 394.914, Florida Statutes, is amended 386 to read:

387 394.914 Petition; contents.-<u>After Following receipt from</u> 388 <u>the multidisciplinary team</u> of the written assessment and 389 <u>positive or negative</u> recommendation <u>as to whether the person</u> 390 <u>meets the definition of a sexually violent predator</u> from the

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391 multidisciplinary team, the state attorney, in accordance with 392 s. 394.913, may file a petition with the circuit court alleging 393 that the person is a sexually violent predator and stating facts 394 sufficient to support such allegation. <u>A</u> No fee <u>may not</u> shall be 395 charged for the filing of a petition under this section.

396 Section 6. Subsection (3) of section 394.918, Florida 397 Statutes, is amended to read:

398 394.918 Examinations; notice; court hearings for release 399 of committed persons; burden of proof.-

400 The court shall hold a limited hearing to determine (3) 401 whether there is probable cause to believe that the person's 402 condition has so changed that it is safe for the person to be at 403 large and that the person will not engage in acts of sexual 404 violence if discharged. The person has the right to be 405 represented by counsel at the probable cause hearing and the 406 right, but the person is not entitled to be present. Both the 407 petitioner and the respondent may present evidence that the 408 court may weigh and consider. If the court determines that there 409 is probable cause to believe it is safe to release the person, the court shall set a trial before the court on the issue. 410

411 Section 7. Section 394.926, Florida Statutes, is amended 412 to read:

413 394.926 Notice to victims <u>and others</u> of release of persons 414 <u>in the custody of the department</u> <del>committed as sexually violent</del> 415 <del>predators; notice to Department of Corrections and Parole</del> 416 <del>Commission</del>.-

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417 (1)As soon as is practicable, the department shall give 418 written notice of the release of a person in the custody of the 419 department committed as a sexually violent predator to any 420 victim of the committed person who is alive and whose address is 421 known to the department or, if the victim is deceased, to the 422 victim's family, if the family's address is known to the 423 department. Failure to notify is not a reason for postponement 424 of release. This section does not create a cause of action 425 against the state or an employee of the state acting within the scope of the employee's employment as a result of the failure to 426 notify pursuant to this part. 427

428 If a person in the custody of the department sexually (2)429 violent predator who has an active or pending term of probation, 430 community control, parole, conditional release, or other court-431 ordered or postprison release supervision is released from 432 custody, the department must immediately notify the Department 433 of Corrections' Office of Community Corrections in Tallahassee. 434 The Parole Commission must also be immediately notified of any 435 releases of a person sexually violent predator who has an active 436 or pending term of parole, conditional release, or other postprison release supervision that is administered by the 437 438 Parole Commission.

439 (3) If a person in the custody of the department is
 440 released, the department must notify the Department of Law
 441 Enforcement and the sheriff of the county in which the person
 442 intends to reside, or if unknown, the sheriff of the county in
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443 which the person was last convicted.

444 (4) (a) The department, in conjunction with the Department 445 of Law Enforcement, shall enroll and maintain a sexually violent 446 offender in the arrest notification program through the Florida 447 Criminal Justice Network maintained by the Department of Law 448 Enforcement upon such offender's release from the department's 449 custody. Upon receiving an alert that a sexually violent 450 offender has been arrested for a criminal offense subsequent to his or her release, the department must immediately notify the 451 452 state attorney of the circuit in which the arrest occurred.

(b) As used in this subsection, the term "sexually violent offender" means a person who has been committed to the department as a sexually violent predator or who has been in the department's custody based upon a court finding of probable cause to believe the person is a sexually violent predator.

458 Section 8. Section 394.931, Florida Statutes, is amended 459 to read:

460 394.931 Quarterly and annual reports. -Beginning July 1, 461 1999, The Department of Corrections shall collect information 462 and compile quarterly reports with statistics profiling inmates 463 released the previous quarter who fit the criteria and were referred to the Department of Children and Families Family 464 465 Services pursuant to this act. The quarterly reports must be 466 produced beginning October 1, 1999. At a minimum, the 467 information that must be collected and compiled for inclusion in 468 the reports includes: whether the qualifying offense was the Page 18 of 20

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469 current offense or the prior offense; the offender's most 470 serious sexual offense; the total number of distinct victims of 471 the sexual offense; whether the victim was known to the 472 offender; whether the sexual act was consensual; whether the 473 sexual act involved multiple victims; whether direct violence 474 was involved in the sexual offense; the age of each victim at 475 the time of the offense; the age of the offender at the time of 476 the first sexual offense; whether a weapon was used; length of 477 time since the most recent sexual offense; and the total number of prior and current sexual offense sexual-offense convictions. 478 479 The Department of Corrections shall compile recidivism data on 480 those referred, detained, or committed to the department In 481 addition, the department of Children and Family Services shall 482 implement a long-term study to determine the overall efficacy of 483 the provisions of this part. Section 9. Subsection (14) is added to section 943.053, 484 485 Florida Statutes, to read: 486 943.053 Dissemination of criminal justice information; 487 fees.-488 Notwithstanding any other law, the department shall (14)489 provide to the Sexually Violent Predator Program within the 490 Department of Children and Families online access to the arrest 491 notification program through the Florida Criminal Justice 492 Network to be used solely in support of the duties of the 493 Department of Children and Families as provided in s. 494 394.926(4).

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495	Section 10. If any provision of this act or its
496	application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
497	invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of
498	this act which can be given effect without the invalid provision
499	or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are
500	severable.
501	Section 11. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.
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