1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to offenses involving minors and
3	vulnerable persons; amending s. 92.54, F.S.;
4	increasing the maximum age at which a victim or
5	witness may be allowed to testify via closed circuit
6	television rather than in a courtroom in certain
7	circumstances; amending s. 782.04, F.S.; including
8	human trafficking as an underlying felony offense to
9	support a felony murder conviction; amending s.
10	787.06, F.S.; providing increased criminal penalties
11	for human trafficking offenses if the victim suffers
12	great bodily harm, permanent disability, or permanent
13	disfigurement; specifying that penalties for branding
14	must be for the purpose of committing the offense of
15	human trafficking; prohibiting certain defense to
16	prosecution; amending s. 794.022, F.S.; including
17	human trafficking and lewd and lascivious offenses in
18	the rules of evidence applicable to sexually-related
19	offenses; amending ss. 90.404, 775.21, 943.0435,
20	944.606, and 944.607, F.S.; conforming provisions to
21	changes made by the act; providing an effective date.
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23	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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25	Section 1. Section 92.54, Florida Statutes, is amended to
26	read:
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92.54 Use of closed circuit television in proceedings
involving a victim or witness under the age of <u>18</u> 16 or who has
an intellectual disability.-

Upon motion and hearing in camera and upon a finding 30 (1)31 that there is a substantial likelihood that a victim or witness 32 under the age of 18 16 or who has an intellectual disability 33 will suffer at least moderate emotional or mental harm due to the presence of the defendant if such victim or witness is 34 35 required to testify in open court, or is unavailable as defined 36 in s. 90.804(1), the trial court may order that the testimony of 37 the victim or witness be taken outside of the courtroom and 38 shown by means of closed circuit television.

39 (2) The motion may be filed by the victim or witness; the 40 attorney, parent, legal guardian, or guardian ad litem of the 41 victim or witness; the prosecutor; the defendant or the 42 defendant's counsel; or the trial judge on his or her own 43 motion.

(3) Only the judge, the prosecutor, the defendant, the attorney for the defendant, the operators of the videotape equipment, an interpreter, and some other person who, in the opinion of the court, contributes to the well-being of the child or the person who has an intellectual disability and who will not be a witness in the case may be in the room during the recording of the testimony.

51 (4) During the victim's or witness's testimony by closed 52 circuit television, the court may require the defendant to view

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53	the testimony from the courtroom. In such a case, the court
54	shall permit the defendant to observe and hear the testimony of
55	the victim or witness, but must ensure that the victim or
56	witness cannot hear or see the defendant. The defendant's right
57	to assistance of counsel, which includes the right to immediate
58	and direct communication with counsel conducting cross-
59	examination, must be protected and, upon the defendant's
60	request, such communication must be provided by any appropriate
61	electronic method.
62	(5) The court shall make specific findings of fact, on the
63	record, as to the basis for its ruling under this section.
64	Section 2. Subsections (1), (3), and (4) of section
65	782.04, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
66	782.04 Murder
67	(1)(a) The unlawful killing of a human being:
68	1. When perpetrated from a premeditated design to effect
69	the death of the person killed or any human being;
70	2. When committed by a person engaged in the perpetration
71	of, or in the attempt to perpetrate, any:
72	a. Trafficking offense prohibited by s. 893.135(1),
73	b. Arson,
74	c. Sexual battery,
75	d. Robbery,
76	e. Burglary,
77	f. Kidnapping,
78	g. Escape,
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79 Aggravated child abuse, h. Aggravated abuse of an elderly person or disabled 80 i. 81 adult, 82 j. Aircraft piracy, 83 k. Unlawful throwing, placing, or discharging of a 84 destructive device or bomb, 85 l. Carjacking, Home-invasion robbery, 86 m. 87 Aggravated stalking, n. Murder of another human being, 88 ο. 89 Resisting an officer with violence to his or her p. 90 person, 91 Aggravated fleeing or eluding with serious bodily q. 92 injury or death, 93 Felony that is an act of terrorism or is in furtherance r. 94 of an act of terrorism, ; or 95 Human trafficking; or s. 96 3. Which resulted from the unlawful distribution of any 97 substance controlled under s. 893.03(1), cocaine as described in s. 893.03(2)(a)4., opium or any synthetic or natural salt, 98 99 compound, derivative, or preparation of opium, or methadone by a 100 person 18 years of age or older, when such drug is proven to be 101 the proximate cause of the death of the user, 102 103 is murder in the first degree and constitutes a capital felony, 104 punishable as provided in s. 775.082. Page 4 of 18

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105	(b)	In all cases under this section, the procedure set
106	forth in s	s. 921.141 shall be followed in order to determine
107	sentence d	of death or life imprisonment.
108	(3)	When a human being is killed during the perpetration
109	of, or dur	ring the attempt to perpetrate, any:
110	(a)	Trafficking offense prohibited by s. 893.135(1),
111	(b)	Arson,
112	(C)	Sexual battery,
113	(d)	Robbery,
114	(e)	Burglary,
115	(f)	Kidnapping,
116	(g)	Escape,
117	(h)	Aggravated child abuse,
118	(i)	Aggravated abuse of an elderly person or disabled
119	adult,	
120	(j)	Aircraft piracy,
121	(k)	Unlawful throwing, placing, or discharging of a
122	destructiv	ve device or bomb,
123	(1)	Carjacking,
124	(m)	Home-invasion robbery,
125	(n)	Aggravated stalking,
126	(0)	Murder of another human being,
127	(p)	Aggravated fleeing or eluding with serious bodily
128	injury or	death,
129	(q)	Resisting an officer with violence to his or her
130	person, oi	<u>-</u>
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1 2 1	(n) Folony that is an act of terrenism on is in
131	(r) Felony that is an act of terrorism or is in
132	furtherance of an act of terrorism, <u>or</u>
133	(s) Human trafficking,
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135	by a person other than the person engaged in the perpetration of
136	or in the attempt to perpetrate such felony, the person
137	perpetrating or attempting to perpetrate such felony commits
138	murder in the second degree, which constitutes a felony of the
139	first degree, punishable by imprisonment for a term of years not
140	exceeding life or as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s.
141	775.084.
142	(4) The unlawful killing of a human being, when
143	perpetrated without any design to effect death, by a person
144	engaged in the perpetration of, or in the attempt to perpetrate,
145	any felony other than any:
146	(a) Trafficking offense prohibited by s. 893.135(1),
147	(b) Arson,
148	(c) Sexual battery,
149	(d) Robbery,
150	(e) Burglary,
151	(f) Kidnapping,
152	(g) Escape,
153	(h) Aggravated child abuse,
154	(i) Aggravated abuse of an elderly person or disabled
155	adult,
156	(j) Aircraft piracy,
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157 Unlawful throwing, placing, or discharging of a (k) destructive device or bomb, 158 159 (1)Unlawful distribution of any substance controlled under s. 893.03(1), cocaine as described in s. 893.03(2)(a)4., 160 161 or opium or any synthetic or natural salt, compound, derivative, or preparation of opium by a person 18 years of age or older, 162 163 when such drug is proven to be the proximate cause of the death 164 of the user, 165 Carjacking, (m) 166 (n) Home-invasion robbery, 167 (o) Aggravated stalking, 168 (p) Murder of another human being, Aggravated fleeing or eluding with serious bodily 169 (q) injury or death, 170 171 Resisting an officer with violence to his or her (r) 172 person, or 173 Felony that is an act of terrorism or is in (s) 174 furtherance of an act of terrorism, or 175 Human trafficking, (t) 176 177 is murder in the third degree and constitutes a felony of the 178 second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, 179 or s. 775.084. 180 Section 3. Paragraph (h) is added to subsection (3) of 181 section 787.06, Florida Statutes, paragraph (b) of subsection 182 (4) is amended, subsections (5) through (9) are renumbered as Page 7 of 18

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183 subsections (6) through (10), respectively, and a new subsection (5) is added to that section, to read: 184 185 787.06 Human trafficking.-(3) Any person who knowingly, or in reckless disregard of 186 187 the facts, engages in human trafficking, or attempts to engage 188 in human trafficking, or benefits financially by receiving 189 anything of value from participation in a venture that has 190 subjected a person to human trafficking: 191 (h) And during the commission or attempt to commit the 192 offense of human trafficking causes great bodily harm, permanent 193 disability, or permanent disfigurement to the victim of the human trafficking offense or attempted offense commits a felony 194 195 of the first degree, punishable for a term of years not 196 exceeding life, as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 197 775.084. 198 199 For each instance of human trafficking of any individual under 200 this subsection, a separate crime is committed and a separate 201 punishment is authorized. 202 (4) 203 (b) Any person who permanently brands, or directs to be 204 permanently branded, for the purpose of committing an offense 205 under this section, a victim of an offense under this section 206 commits a second degree felony, punishable as provided in s. 207 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. For purposes of this 208 subsection, the term "permanently branded" means a mark on the

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209 individual's body that, if it can be removed or repaired at all, can only be removed or repaired by surgical means, laser 210 211 treatment, or other medical procedure. 212 (5) A victim's lack of chastity or the willingness or 213 consent of a victim is not a defense to prosecution under this 214 section if the victim was under 18 years of age at the time of 215 the offense. Section 4. Section 794.022, Florida Statutes, is amended 216 217 to read: 218 794.022 Rules of evidence.-The testimony of the victim need not be corroborated 219 (1)220 in a prosecution under s. 787.06, s. 794.011, or s. 800.04. Specific instances of prior consensual sexual activity 221 (2)222 between the victim and any person other than the offender may 223 shall not be admitted into evidence in a prosecution under s. 787.06, s. 794.011, or s. 800.04. However, such evidence may be 224 225 admitted if it is first established to the court in a proceeding 226 in camera that such evidence may prove that the defendant was 227 not the source of the semen, pregnancy, injury, or disease; or, when consent by the victim is at issue, such evidence may be 228 229 admitted if it is first established to the court in a proceeding 230 in camera that such evidence tends to establish a pattern of 231 conduct or behavior on the part of the victim which is so 232 similar to the conduct or behavior in the case that it is relevant to the issue of consent. 233 234 (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, reputation

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evidence relating to a victim's prior sexual conduct or evidence presented for the purpose of showing that manner of dress of the victim at the time of the offense incited the sexual battery <u>may</u> shall not be admitted into evidence in a prosecution under <u>s.</u> 787.06, s. 794.011, or s. 800.04.

(4) When consent of the victim is a defense to prosecution
under <u>s. 787.06</u>, s. 794.011, or <u>s. 800.04</u>, evidence of the
victim's mental incapacity or defect is admissible to prove that
the consent was not intelligent, knowing, or voluntary; and the
court shall instruct the jury accordingly.

(5) An offender's use of a prophylactic device, or a victim's request that an offender use a prophylactic device, is not, by itself, relevant to either the issue of whether or not the offense was committed or the issue of whether or not the victim consented.

250 Section 5. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (2) of 251 section 90.404, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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90.404 Character evidence; when admissible.-

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(2) OTHER CRIMES, WRONGS, OR ACTS.-

(b)1. In a criminal case in which the defendant is charged with a crime involving child molestation, evidence of the defendant's commission of other crimes, wrongs, or acts of child molestation is admissible and may be considered for its bearing on any matter to which it is relevant.

259 2. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "child260 molestation" means conduct proscribed by s. 787.025(2)(c), s.

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261 787.06(3)(g), former s. 787.06(3)(h), Florida Statutes 2012, s. 262 794.011, excluding s. 794.011(10), s. 794.05, former s. 796.03, 263 former s. 796.035, s. 800.04, s. 827.071, s. 847.0135(5), s. 264 847.0145, or s. 985.701(1) when committed against a person 16 265 years of age or younger.

(c)1. In a criminal case in which the defendant is charged with a sexual offense, evidence of the defendant's commission of other crimes, wrongs, or acts involving a sexual offense is admissible and may be considered for its bearing on any matter to which it is relevant.

271 2. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "sexual 272 offense" means conduct proscribed by s. 787.025(2)(c), s. 273 787.06(3)(b), (d), (f), or (g), former s. 787.06(3)(h), Florida 274 <u>Statutes 2012</u>, s. 794.011, excluding s. 794.011(10), s. 794.05, 275 former s. 796.03, former s. 796.035, s. 825.1025(2)(b), s. 276 827.071, s. 847.0135(5), s. 847.0145, or s. 985.701(1).

277 Section 6. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 278 775.21, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

279 280 775.21 The Florida Sexual Predators Act.-

(4) SEXUAL PREDATOR CRITERIA.-

(a) For a current offense committed on or after October 1,
1993, upon conviction, an offender shall be designated as a
"sexual predator" under subsection (5), and subject to
registration under subsection (6) and community and public
notification under subsection (7) if:

286 1. The felony is:

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287	a. A capital, life, or first degree felony violation, or
288	any attempt thereof, of s. 787.01 or s. 787.02, where the victim
289	is a minor and the defendant is not the victim's parent or
290	guardian, or s. 794.011, s. 800.04, or s. 847.0145, or a
291	violation of a similar law of another jurisdiction; or
292	b. Any felony violation, or any attempt thereof, of s.
293	393.135(2); s. 394.4593(2); s. 787.01, s. 787.02, or s.
294	787.025(2)(c), where the victim is a minor and the defendant is
295	not the victim's parent or guardian; s. 787.06(3)(b), (d), (f),
296	or (g);
297	794.011, excluding s. 794.011(10); s. 794.05; former s. 796.03;
298	former s. 796.035; s. 800.04; s. 810.145(8)(b); s. 825.1025; s.
299	827.071; s. 847.0135, excluding s. 847.0135(6); s. 847.0145; s.
300	916.1075(2); or s. 985.701(1); or a violation of a similar law
301	of another jurisdiction, and the offender has previously been
302	convicted of or found to have committed, or has pled nolo
303	contendere or guilty to, regardless of adjudication, any
304	violation of s. 393.135(2); s. 394.4593(2); s. 787.01, s.
305	787.02, or s. 787.025(2)(c), where the victim is a minor and the
306	defendant is not the victim's parent or guardian; s.
307	787.06(3)(b), (d), (f), or (g); former s. 787.06(3)(h) <u>, Florida</u>
308	Statutes 2012; s. 794.011, excluding s. 794.011(10); s. 794.05;
309	former s. 796.03; former s. 796.035; s. 800.04; s. 825.1025; s.
310	827.071; s. 847.0133; s. 847.0135, excluding s. 847.0135(6); s.
311	847.0145; s. 916.1075(2); or s. 985.701(1); or a violation of a
312	similar law of another jurisdiction;
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313	2. The offender has not received a pardon for any felony
314	or similar law of another jurisdiction that is necessary for the
315	operation of this paragraph; and
316	3. A conviction of a felony or similar law of another
317	jurisdiction necessary to the operation of this paragraph has
318	not been set aside in any postconviction proceeding.
319	Section 7. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
320	943.0435, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
321	943.0435 Sexual offenders required to register with the
322	department; penalty
323	(1) As used in this section, the term:
324	(a)1. "Sexual offender" means a person who meets the
325	criteria in sub-subparagraph a., sub-subparagraph b., sub-
326	subparagraph c., or sub-subparagraph d., as follows:
327	a.(I) Has been convicted of committing, or attempting,
328	soliciting, or conspiring to commit, any of the criminal
329	offenses proscribed in the following statutes in this state or
330	similar offenses in another jurisdiction: s. 393.135(2); s.
331	394.4593(2); s. 787.01, s. 787.02, or s. 787.025(2)(c), where
332	the victim is a minor and the defendant is not the victim's
333	parent or guardian; s. 787.06(3)(b), (d), (f), or (g); former s.
334	787.06(3)(h), Florida Statutes 2012; s. 794.011, excluding s.
335	794.011(10); s. 794.05; former s. 796.03; former s. 796.035; s.
336	800.04; s. 810.145(8); s. 825.1025; s. 827.071; s. 847.0133; s.
337	847.0135, excluding s. 847.0135(6); s. 847.0137; s. 847.0138; s.
338	847.0145; s. 916.1075(2); or s. 985.701(1); or any similar
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339 offense committed in this state which has been redesignated from 340 a former statute number to one of those listed in this sub-sub-341 subparagraph; and

342 (II) Has been released on or after October 1, 1997, from 343 the sanction imposed for any conviction of an offense described 344 in sub-subparagraph (I). For purposes of sub-sub-345 subparagraph (I), a sanction imposed in this state or in any other jurisdiction includes, but is not limited to, a fine, 346 347 probation, community control, parole, conditional release, 348 control release, or incarceration in a state prison, federal 349 prison, private correctional facility, or local detention 350 facility;

351 Establishes or maintains a residence in this state and b. 352 who has not been designated as a sexual predator by a court of 353 this state but who has been designated as a sexual predator, as 354 a sexually violent predator, or by another sexual offender 355 designation in another state or jurisdiction and was, as a 356 result of such designation, subjected to registration or 357 community or public notification, or both, or would be if the 358 person were a resident of that state or jurisdiction, without 359 regard to whether the person otherwise meets the criteria for 360 registration as a sexual offender;

361 c. Establishes or maintains a residence in this state who 362 is in the custody or control of, or under the supervision of, 363 any other state or jurisdiction as a result of a conviction for 364 committing, or attempting, soliciting, or conspiring to commit,

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365 any of the criminal offenses proscribed in the following statutes or similar offense in another jurisdiction: s. 366 393.135(2); s. 394.4593(2); s. 787.01, s. 787.02, or s. 367 368 787.025(2)(c), where the victim is a minor and the defendant is 369 not the victim's parent or guardian; s. 787.06(3)(b), (d), (f), or (g); former s. 787.06(3)(h), Florida Statutes 2012; s. 370 371 794.011, excluding s. 794.011(10); s. 794.05; former s. 796.03; 372 former s. 796.035; s. 800.04; s. 810.145(8); s. 825.1025; s. 373 827.071; s. 847.0133; s. 847.0135, excluding s. 847.0135(6); s. 374 847.0137; s. 847.0138; s. 847.0145; s. 916.1075(2); or s. 375 985.701(1); or any similar offense committed in this state which 376 has been redesignated from a former statute number to one of those listed in this sub-subparagraph; or 377

d. On or after July 1, 2007, has been adjudicated
delinquent for committing, or attempting, soliciting, or
conspiring to commit, any of the criminal offenses proscribed in
the following statutes in this state or similar offenses in
another jurisdiction when the juvenile was 14 years of age or
older at the time of the offense:

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(I) Section 794.011, excluding s. 794.011(10);

(II) Section 800.04(4)(a)2. where the victim is under 12 years of age or where the court finds sexual activity by the use of force or coercion;

388 (III) Section 800.04(5)(c)1. where the court finds 389 molestation involving unclothed genitals; or

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(IV) Section 800.04(5)(d) where the court finds the use of

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391 force or coercion and unclothed genitals.

392 2. For all qualifying offenses listed in sub-subparagraph
393 (1)(a)1.d., the court shall make a written finding of the age of
394 the offender at the time of the offense.

396 For each violation of a qualifying offense listed in this 397 subsection, except for a violation of s. 794.011, the court 398 shall make a written finding of the age of the victim at the 399 time of the offense. For a violation of s. 800.04(4), the court 400 shall also make a written finding indicating whether the offense 401 involved sexual activity and indicating whether the offense 402 involved force or coercion. For a violation of s. 800.04(5), the 403 court shall also make a written finding that the offense did or 404 did not involve unclothed genitals or genital area and that the 405 offense did or did not involve the use of force or coercion. 406 Section 8. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 407 944.606, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 944.606 Sexual offenders; notification upon release.-408

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(1) As used in this section:

(b) "Sexual offender" means a person who has been convicted of committing, or attempting, soliciting, or conspiring to commit, any of the criminal offenses proscribed in the following statutes in this state or similar offenses in another jurisdiction: s. 393.135(2); s. 394.4593(2); s. 787.01, s. 787.02, or s. 787.025(2)(c), where the victim is a minor and the defendant is not the victim's parent or guardian; s.

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417 787.06(3)(b), (d), (f), or (g); former s. 787.06(3)(h), Florida Statutes 2012; s. 794.011, excluding s. 794.011(10); s. 794.05; 418 former s. 796.03; former s. 796.035; s. 800.04; s. 810.145(8); 419 s. 825.1025; s. 827.071; s. 847.0133; s. 847.0135, excluding s. 420 847.0135(6); s. 847.0137; s. 847.0138; s. 847.0145; s. 421 422 916.1075(2); or s. 985.701(1); or any similar offense committed 423 in this state which has been redesignated from a former statute 424 number to one of those listed in this subsection, when the 425 department has received verified information regarding such 426 conviction; an offender's computerized criminal history record 427 is not, in and of itself, verified information. 428 Section 9. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 944.607, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 429 430 944.607 Notification to Department of Law Enforcement of 431 information on sexual offenders.-432 (1) As used in this section, the term: 433 "Sexual offender" means a person who is in the custody (a) 434 or control of, or under the supervision of, the department or is 435 in the custody of a private correctional facility: 436 1. On or after October 1, 1997, as a result of a 437 conviction for committing, or attempting, soliciting, or 438 conspiring to commit, any of the criminal offenses proscribed in 439 the following statutes in this state or similar offenses in 440 another jurisdiction: s. 393.135(2); s. 394.4593(2); s. 787.01, 441 s. 787.02, or s. 787.025(2)(c), where the victim is a minor and 442 the defendant is not the victim's parent or guardian; s.

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443 787.06(3)(b), (d), (f), or (g); former s. 787.06(3)(h), Florida Statutes 2012; s. 794.011, excluding s. 794.011(10); s. 794.05; 444 former s. 796.03; former s. 796.035; s. 800.04; s. 810.145(8); 445 s. 825.1025; s. 827.071; s. 847.0133; s. 847.0135, excluding s. 446 847.0135(6); s. 847.0137; s. 847.0138; s. 847.0145; s. 447 448 916.1075(2); or s. 985.701(1); or any similar offense committed 449 in this state which has been redesignated from a former statute 450 number to one of those listed in this paragraph; or

451 Who establishes or maintains a residence in this state 2. 452 and who has not been designated as a sexual predator by a court 453 of this state but who has been designated as a sexual predator, 454 as a sexually violent predator, or by another sexual offender 455 designation in another state or jurisdiction and was, as a result of such designation, subjected to registration or 456 457 community or public notification, or both, or would be if the 458 person were a resident of that state or jurisdiction, without 459 regard as to whether the person otherwise meets the criteria for 460 registration as a sexual offender.

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Section 10. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

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