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**RE: Senate Bill 120**

Dear Mr. McCallister:

In order to implement requirements of this new law, which is effective October 1, 2004, I have prepared a summary of objectives that we will discuss further on June 10, 2004 at 10:30 A.M. during our meeting at the Department of Corrections, 2601 Blair Stone Rd.

The law provides the following:

- a select group of sexual offenders with conditional release supervision to follow incarceration will be prohibited from residing within 1,000 feet of a school, day care center, park, playground, designated public school bus stop, or other place where children regularly congregate.
- Conditional releasees who are subject to this law may not relocate to a residence that is within 1,000 feet of the above locations.
- On October 1, 2004, the Department of Corrections is responsible for notifying each affected school district of the location of the residence of a releasee prior to release and thereafter, while on supervision.
- If, on October 1, 2004, any public school bus stop is located within 1,000 feet of the releasee's existing residence, the district school board shall relocate the school bus stop.
- Beginning October 1, 2004, a district school board may not establish or relocate a public school bus stop within 1,000 feet of the residence of a releasee who is subject to this law.
- The failure of the district school board to comply with this shall not result in a violation of the conditional releasee's supervision.

In order to prepare for implementation of this new law which is effective October 1, 2004, the following issues are being addressed:

- **Targeted population** – Although there are 3096 offenders currently on conditional release supervision, only 349 of these offenders have a sex offense (subject to SB 120 requirements). Out of those 349 offenders, 223 have a minor victim. Out of those 223 offenders, 53 have at least one offense date of 10/1/95 and are currently being supervised in the community. The following summarizes the criteria of the bill used to calculate the number of conditional release offenders subject to the requirements of this bill:
  - convicted of a crime committed on or after October 1, 1995, or who have been previously convicted of a crime committed on or after October 1, 1995, in violation of chapter 794, s. 800.04, s. 827.071, or s. 847.0145, Florida Statutes (sex offenses);
  - subject to condition release supervision, which is a form of post release supervision, imposed on certain inmates, after serving the majority of their prison sentence. (The Florida Parole Commission establishes the terms of supervision and retains jurisdiction over the case and the Department of Corrections supervises the offenders.); and
  - offense must have involved a victim under the age of 18.
  
- **List of Offenders** - The Department of Corrections Bureau of Research and Data Analysis has retrieved information from the department's database using the above criteria to determine the current offender population that will be affected by this legislation. The current list of 53 conditional release sex offenders is attached, including the offender's name, Department of Corrections number, and street address. This list will change periodically as these offenders terminate supervision, are returned to prison due to violations, or as "new" conditional release offenders are released from prison into the community for supervision.
  
- **Notification Process** – The Department of Corrections is developing an electronic form of notification process where an email will be sent to the appropriate school board district with a link to the Department's Inmate Release Information Web Site or the Supervised Population Information Web Site. This link will provide the offender's name, address, photograph, and other identifying information.
  
- **Department of Corrections List of Contacts** – This link to the Department of Corrections web site provides the locations of each probation office and telephone numbers. <http://www.dc.state.fl.us/orginfo/facilitydir.html>
  
- **Location of Designated Public School Bus Stops** – This information is requested from your agency in order for the Department of Corrections to determine if proposed residences are within 1,000 feet of a designated school bus stop. Realizing this information may be in various formats from the 67 school districts, it is requested that this information be provided as soon as possible. Once this information is received, we will be

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- able to determine how to program this information in order to automate the process of researching an address for bus stop locations.
- **Department of Education List of Contacts** – It is requested that a list of contacts from your agency is provided for our staff.

Thank you for your assistance in coordinating the implementation of this new law which will enhance public safety.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Assistant Secretary  
Probation and Parole

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