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CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Criminal Justice Committee recommends the following: 2 3 Council/Committee Substitute 4 Remove the entire bill and insert: A bill to be entitled 5 6 An act relating to drug offenses; amending s. 893.135, 7 F.S.; providing for aggregation of amounts of controlled 8 substances in certain circumstances for offenses involving 9 trafficking; amending s. 903.047, F.S.; requiring persons 10 charged with specified felony drug crimes who are seeking 11 pretrial release on bond to make specified showings as to 12 the source and legitimacy of funds and the surety's purpose and intentions; amending s. 903.0471, F.S.; 13 14 requiring that a defendant on pretrial release for a felony drug offense who is subsequently arrested for a new 15 16 felony drug offense must be returned to custody and must 17 show that he is not a danger to the community in order to be released again; providing an effective date. 18 19 20 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 21 22 Section 1. Subsection (8) is added to section 893.135, 23 Florida Statutes, to read: Page 1 of 3

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24	893.135 Trafficking; mandatory sentences; suspension or
25	reduction of sentences; conspiracy to engage in trafficking
26	(8) Amounts of controlled substances sold, purchased,
27	manufactured, delivered, brought into the state, or actually or
28	constructively possessed by a specific person in a series of
29	violations of this chapter committed pursuant to one scheme or
30	course of conduct extending over a period of no more than 90
31	days may be aggregated in determining whether the weight
32	thresholds for offenses in this section have been met or
33	exceeded.
34	Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 903.047, Florida
35	Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (3) and a new subsection
36	(2) is added to said section to read:
37	903.047 Conditions of pretrial release
38	(2) As a condition of pretrial release on appearance or
39	criminal surety bond of any person charged with a felony
40	violation under chapter 893 involving the sale, delivery,
41	cultivation, or manufacture of any controlled substance; the
42	possession of, with intent to sell, deliver, cultivate, or
43	manufacture, any controlled substance; or trafficking in any
44	controlled substance, the court shall require that the defendant
45	prove by a preponderance of the evidence:
46	(a) The source and legitimacy of any funds intended to be
47	used to obtain his or her release.
48	(b) When the defendant's release is to be guaranteed by
49	criminal surety bond, the surety's purpose and intention to
50	secure the appearance of the defendant to answer charges.
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51 Section 3. Section 903.0471, Florida Statutes, is amended 52 to read:

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903.0471 Violation of condition of pretrial release. --

54 (1) Notwithstanding s. 907.041, a court may, on its own 55 motion, revoke pretrial release and order pretrial detention if 56 the court finds probable cause to believe that the defendant 57 committed a new crime while on pretrial release.

(2) Notwithstanding s. 907.041, when a defendant has been 58 59 granted pretrial release on a charge of any felony violation of chapter 893 involving the sale, delivery, cultivation, or 60 61 manufacture of any controlled substance; the possession of, with intent to sell, deliver, cultivate, or manufacture, any 62 63 controlled substance; or trafficking in any controlled substance and is subsequently arrested on a new charge of a felony 64 65 violation of chapter 893 involving the sale, delivery, 66 cultivation, or manufacture of any controlled substance; the 67 possession of, with intent to sell, deliver, cultivate, or 68 manufacture, any controlled substance; or trafficking in any controlled substance, the court shall revoke his or her existing 69 70 pretrial release and the defendant shall be returned to custody on the pending charges. The defendant shall not be eligible for 71 72 pretrial release on the subsequent charge until an evidentiary 73 hearing is held. At such hearing for pretrial release on the 74 subsequent charge, the burden shall fall upon the defendant to 75 prove by a preponderance of the evidence that his or her release 76 would not be a danger to the community. 77 Section 4. This act shall take effect October 1, 2005.

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