

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to inmate placement; amending s.  
 3           944.17, F.S.; requiring the Department of Corrections  
 4           to confine inmates according to specified locational  
 5           requirements by a specified date; providing an  
 6           exception; providing an effective date.

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 8   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 10           Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 944.17, Florida  
 11           Statutes, is amended to read:

12           944.17 Commitments and classification; transfers.—

13           (2) (a) The department shall direct each prisoner committed  
 14           to the custody of the department ~~to shall~~ be conveyed to an such  
 15           institution, a facility, or a program in the correctional system  
 16           ~~as the department shall direct,~~ in accordance with its  
 17           classification scheme and the requirements imposed in paragraph  
 18           (b).

19           (b) By July 1, 2024, the department shall, subject to the  
 20           inmate's custody classification, programmatic needs, and mental  
 21           and medical health needs, place each inmate in an institution or  
 22           a facility as close as practicable to within 125 driving miles  
 23           of the inmate's primary residence. Subject to the inmate's  
 24           custody classification, the department shall transfer an inmate  
 25           to an institution or a facility that is as close as practicable

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26 | to within 125 driving miles of the inmate's primary residence,  
27 | unless the inmate chooses to remain at his or her current  
28 | institution or facility. This paragraph does not apply to an  
29 | inmate who has a department custody classification of close  
30 | custody or maximum custody.

31 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.