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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to visiting county and municipal
3	detention facilities; creating s. 951.225, F.S.;
4	authorizing specified persons to visit at their
5	pleasure county and municipal detention facilities;
6	prohibiting persons not otherwise authorized by law
7	from entering such facilities; providing exceptions;
8	prohibiting the unreasonable withholding of permission
9	to enter such facilities from professional journalists
10	or writers; providing an effective date.
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12	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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14	Section 1. Section 951.225, Florida Statutes, is created
15	to read:
16	951.225 Persons authorized to visit county and municipal
17	detention facilities
18	(1) The following persons who are elected or appointed to
19	serve the county or municipality in which the county or
20	municipal detention facility is located may visit such facility
21	at their pleasure:
22	(a) Members of the governing body of the county or
23	municipality.
24	(b) Members of the Legislature.
25	(c) State court judges.

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