1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to probation and community control 3 violations; amending s. 921.0024, F.S.; revising the 4 sentencing score sheet to reflect the absence of 5 community sanction points assessed in certain 6 circumstances; amending s. 948.06, F.S.; revising 7 sanctions for probation violations; providing for 8 hearings within a specified time period for low-risk 9 probation or community control violations; providing for the release of probationers in certain 10 11 circumstances if a hearing is not held; providing for nonmonetary conditions of release; making technical 12 13 changes; providing an effective date. 14 15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 16 17 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 18 921.0024, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 19 921.0024 Criminal Punishment Code; worksheet computations; 20 scoresheets.-21 (1)WORKSHEET KEY: 22 (b) 23 Legal status points are assessed when any form of legal status 24 existed at the time the offender committed an offense before the

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court for sentencing. Four (4) sentence points are assessed for

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26 an offender's legal status.

Community sanction violation points are assessed when a community sanction violation is before the court for sentencing. Six (6) sentence points are assessed for each community sanction violation and each successive community sanction violation, unless any of the following apply:

- 1. If the community sanction violation includes a new felony conviction before the sentencing court, twelve (12) community sanction violation points are assessed for the violation, and for each successive community sanction violation involving a new felony conviction.
- 2. If the community sanction violation is committed by a violent felony offender of special concern as defined in s. 948.06:
- a. Twelve (12) community sanction violation points are assessed for the violation and for each successive violation of felony probation or community control where:
- I. The violation does not include a new felony conviction; and
- II. The community sanction violation is not based solely on the probationer or offender's failure to pay costs or fines or make restitution payments.
- b. Twenty-four (24) community sanction violation points are assessed for the violation and for each successive violation

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of felony probation or community control where the violation includes a new felony conviction.

Multiple counts of community sanction violations before the sentencing court shall not be a basis for multiplying the assessment of community sanction violation points.

If the community sanction violation is resolved through the alternative sanctioning program under s. 948.06(9), no points are assessed. If a community sanction violation not resolved through the alternative sanctioning program is before the court, no points are assessed for prior violations that were resolved through the alternative sanctioning program.

Prior serious felony points: If the offender has a primary offense or any additional offense ranked in level 8, level 9, or level 10, and one or more prior serious felonies, a single assessment of thirty (30) points shall be added. For purposes of this section, a prior serious felony is an offense in the offender's prior record that is ranked in level 8, level 9, or level 10 under s. 921.0022 or s. 921.0023 and for which the offender is serving a sentence of confinement, supervision, or other sanction or for which the offender's date of release from confinement, supervision, or other sanction, whichever is later, is within 3 years before the date the primary offense or any

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additional offense was committed.

Prior capital felony points: If the offender has one or more prior capital felonies in the offender's criminal record, points shall be added to the subtotal sentence points of the offender equal to twice the number of points the offender receives for the primary offense and any additional offense. A prior capital felony in the offender's criminal record is a previous capital felony offense for which the offender has entered a plea of nolo contendere or guilty or has been found guilty; or a felony in another jurisdiction which is a capital felony in that jurisdiction, or would be a capital felony if the offense were committed in this state.

Possession of a firearm, semiautomatic firearm, or machine gun: If the offender is convicted of committing or attempting to commit any felony other than those enumerated in s. 775.087(2) while having in his or her possession: a firearm as defined in s. 790.001, an additional eighteen (18) sentence points are assessed; or if the offender is convicted of committing or attempting to commit any felony other than those enumerated in s. 775.087(3) while having in his or her possession a semiautomatic firearm as defined in s. 775.087(3) or a machine gun as defined in s. 790.001, an additional twenty-five (25) sentence points are assessed.

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101 102 Sentencing multipliers: 103 104 Drug trafficking: If the primary offense is drug trafficking 105 under s. 893.135, the subtotal sentence points are multiplied, at the discretion of the court, for a level 7 or level 8 106 107 offense, by 1.5. The state attorney may move the sentencing 108 court to reduce or suspend the sentence of a person convicted of 109 a level 7 or level 8 offense, if the offender provides substantial assistance as described in s. 893.135(4). 110 111 112 Violent offenses committed against specified justice system personnel: If the primary offense is a violation of s. 113 114 775.0823(2), (3), or (4), the subtotal sentence points are 115 multiplied by 2.5. If the primary offense is a violation of s. 116 775.0823(5), (6), (7), (8), or (9), the subtotal sentence points 117 are multiplied by 2.0. If the primary offense is a violation of 118 s. 784.07(3) or s. 775.0875(1), or s. 775.0823(10) or (11), the 119 subtotal sentence points are multiplied by 1.5. 120 Grand theft of a motor vehicle: If the primary offense is grand 121 theft of the third degree involving a motor vehicle and in the 122 123 offender's prior record, there are three or more grand thefts of 124 the third degree involving a motor vehicle, the subtotal sentence points are multiplied by 1.5. 125

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127 Offense related to a criminal gang: If the offender is convicted 128 of the primary offense and committed that offense for the 129 purpose of benefiting, promoting, or furthering the interests of a criminal gang as defined in s. 874.03, the subtotal sentence 130 131 points are multiplied by 1.5. If applying the multiplier results 132 in the lowest permissible sentence exceeding the statutory 133 maximum sentence for the primary offense under chapter 775, the 134 court may not apply the multiplier and must sentence the

defendant to the statutory maximum sentence.

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Domestic violence in the presence of a child: If the offender is convicted of the primary offense and the primary offense is a crime of domestic violence, as defined in s. 741.28, which was committed in the presence of a child under 16 years of age who is a family or household member as defined in s. 741.28(3) with the victim or perpetrator, the subtotal sentence points are multiplied by 1.5.

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Adult-on-minor sex offense: If the offender was 18 years of age or older and the victim was younger than 18 years of age at the time the offender committed the primary offense, and if the primary offense was an offense committed on or after October 1, 2014, and is a violation of s. 787.01(2) or s. 787.02(2), if the violation involved a victim who was a minor and, in the course

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of committing that violation, the defendant committed a sexual

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152 battery under chapter 794 or a lewd act under s. 800.04 or s. 153 847.0135(5) against the minor; s. 787.01(3)(a)2. or 3.; s. 154 787.02(3)(a)2. or 3.; s. 794.011, excluding s. 794.011(10); s. 155 800.04; or s. 847.0135(5), the subtotal sentence points are 156 multiplied by 2.0. If applying the multiplier results in the 157 lowest permissible sentence exceeding the statutory maximum 158 sentence for the primary offense under chapter 775, the court 159 may not apply the multiplier and must sentence the defendant to 160 the statutory maximum sentence. Section 2. Paragraph (f) of subsection (2) and subsection 161 (4) of section 948.06, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 162 948.06 Violation of probation or community control; 163 164 revocation; modification; continuance; failure to pay 165 restitution or cost of supervision. -166 (2) 167

- (f)1. Except as provided in subparagraph 3. or upon waiver by the probationer, the court shall modify or continue a probationary term upon finding a probationer in violation when all of the following apply:
  - a. The term of supervision is probation.
- b. The probationer does not qualify as a violent felony offender of special concern, as defined in paragraph (8)(b).
- c. The violation is a low-risk technical violation, as defined in paragraph (9)(b).

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d. The court has not, on two or more separate occasions, previously found the probationer in violation of his or her probation pursuant to a filed violation of probation affidavit during the current term of supervision. A probationer who has successfully completed sanctions through the alternative sanctioning program is eligible for mandatory modification or continuation of his or her probation.

- 2. Upon modifying probation under subparagraph 1., the court may include in the sentence a maximum of 90 days in county jail as a special condition of probation. If the court has previously found the probationer in violation of his or her probation and modified probation with up to 90 days in county jail as a special condition of probation, it may, upon modification of probation under subparagraph 1., include in the sentence a maximum of 120 days in county jail as a special condition of probation.
- 3. Notwithstanding s. 921.0024, if a probationer meets the criteria for mandatory modification in subparagraph 1. but has less time on supervision remaining than the number of days in jail authorized in subparagraph 2. than 90 days of supervision remaining on his or her term of probation and meets the criteria for mandatory modification or continuation in subparagraph 1., the court may revoke probation and sentence the probationer to a maximum of 90 or 120 days in county jail as provided in subparagraph 2.

4. For purposes of imposing a jail sentence under this paragraph only, the court may grant credit only for time served in the county jail since the probationer's most recent arrest for the violation. However, the court may not order the probationer to a total term of incarceration greater than the maximum provided by s. 775.082.

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(4)(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a felony probationer or an offender in community control who is arrested for violating his or her probation or community control in a material respect may be taken before the court in the county or circuit in which the probationer or offender was arrested. That court shall advise him or her of the charge of a violation and, if such charge is admitted, shall cause him or her to be brought before the court that granted the probation or community control. If the violation is not admitted by the probationer or offender, the court may commit him or her or release him or her with or without bail to await further hearing. However, if the probationer or offender is under supervision for any criminal offense proscribed in chapter 794, s. 800.04(4), (5), (6), s. 827.071, or s. 847.0145, or is a registered sexual predator or a registered sexual offender, or is under supervision for a criminal offense for which he or she would meet the registration criteria in s. 775.21, s. 943.0435, or s. 944.607 but for the effective date of those sections, the court must make a finding that the probationer or offender is

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not a danger to the public prior to release with or without bail. In determining the danger posed by the offender's or probationer's release, the court may consider the nature and circumstances of the violation and any new offenses charged; the offender's or probationer's past and present conduct, including convictions of crimes; any record of arrests without conviction for crimes involving violence or sexual crimes; any other evidence of allegations of unlawful sexual conduct or the use of violence by the offender or probationer; the offender's or probationer's family ties, length of residence in the community, employment history, and mental condition; his or her history and conduct during the probation or community control supervision from which the violation arises and any other previous supervisions, including disciplinary records of previous incarcerations; the likelihood that the offender or probationer will engage again in a criminal course of conduct; the weight of the evidence against the offender or probationer; and any other facts the court considers relevant. The court, as soon as is practicable, shall give the probationer or offender an opportunity to be fully heard on his or her behalf in person or by counsel. If a felony probationer is alleged to have committed a low-risk violation, as defined in paragraph (9)(b), the court shall, within 30 days after the probationer's arrest, give the probationer an opportunity to be fully heard on his or her behalf in person or by counsel. If a hearing is not held within

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30 days after such arrest, the court must release the probationer without bail unless the court finds that a hearing was not held in the applicable timeframe due to circumstances attributable to the probationer. If the probationer is released, the court may impose nonmonetary conditions of release.

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- (b) After the hearing, the court shall make findings of fact and forward the findings to the court that granted the probation or community control and to the probationer or offender or his or her attorney. The findings of fact by the hearing court are binding on the court that granted the probation or community control. Upon the probationer or offender being brought before it, the court that granted the probation or community control may revoke, modify, or continue the probation or community control or may place the probationer into community control as provided in this section. However, the probationer or offender shall not be released and shall not be admitted to bail, but shall be brought before the court that granted the probation or community control if any violation of felony probation or community control other than a failure to pay costs or fines or make restitution payments is alleged to have been committed by:
- $\frac{1.(a)}{a}$  A violent felony offender of special concern, as defined in this section;
- 2. (b) A person who is on felony probation or community control for any offense committed on or after March 12, 2007,

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the effective date of this act and who is arrested for a qualifying offense as defined in this section; or

3.(e) A person who is on felony probation or community control and has previously been found by a court to be a habitual violent felony offender as defined in s. 775.084(1)(b), a three-time violent felony offender as defined in s. 775.084(1)(c), or a sexual predator under s. 775.21, and who is arrested for committing a qualifying offense as defined in this section on or after March 12, 2007 the effective date of this act.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

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