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A bill to be entitled An act relating to the safe exchange of minor children; amending s. 61.13, F.S.; providing requirements for a parenting plan relating to the exchange of a child; creating s. 61.455, F.S.; requiring the court to order the parties in a parenting plan to exchange their child at a neutral safe exchange location or supervised visitation program under certain circumstances; amending s. 125.01, F.S.; requiring sheriffs to designate certain areas as neutral safe exchange locations; providing requirements for such areas; providing immunity from liability; amending s. 741.30, F.S.; revising the form for an injunction for protection against domestic violence; requiring court-ordered injunctions for protection against domestic violence to designate certain locations for the exchange of a child of the parties under certain circumstances; providing an effective date. Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 61.13, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: Support of children; parenting and time-sharing;

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powers of court.-

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- (b) A parenting plan approved by the court must, at a minimum, do all of the following:
- 1. Describe in adequate detail how the parents will share and be responsible for the daily tasks associated with the upbringing of the child. \div
- 2. Include the time-sharing schedule arrangements that specify the time that the $\frac{minor}{minor}$ child will spend with each parent.
 - 3. Designate who will be responsible for:
- a. Any and all forms of health care. If the court orders shared parental responsibility over health care decisions, either parent may consent to mental health treatment for the child unless stated otherwise in the parenting plan.
- b. School-related matters, including the address to be used for school-boundary determination and registration.
 - c. Other activities.; and
- 4. Describe in adequate detail the methods and technologies that the parents will use to communicate with the child.
- 5. Unless otherwise agreed to by both parents in writing, designate authorized locations for the exchange of the child.

 The court may require the parents to exchange the child at a neutral safe exchange location as provided in s. 125.01(8) or a

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supervised visitation program as defined in s. 753.01 if, upon the presentation of competent substantial evidence that there is a risk or an imminent threat of harm to one party or the child during the exchange of the child, the court finds that such requirement is necessary to ensure the safety of a parent or the child and that it is in the best interests of the child after consideration of all of the factors listed in subsection (3). Section 2. Section 61.455, Florida Statutes, is created to read: 61.455 Court-ordered parenting plan; neutral safe exchange location or supervised visitation program. - In any proceeding in which the court enters a parenting plan and time-sharing schedule, including in a modification proceeding, upon the presentation of competent substantial evidence that there is a risk or an imminent threat of harm to one party or a child during the exchange of the child and that it is in the best interests of the child after consideration of all of the factors in s. 61.13(3), the court may require the parties to exchange custody of the child at a neutral safe exchange location as provided in s. 125.01(8) or a supervised visitation program as defined in s. 753.01. Competent substantial evidence includes, but is not limited to, a court-ordered injunction for protection under s. 741.30, s. 784.046, or s. 784.0485. Section 3. Subsection (8) is added to section 125.01, Florida Statutes, to read:

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125.01 Powers and duties.-

- (8) (a) Each sheriff shall designate at least one parking lot at the sheriff's office, or substation thereof, as a neutral safe exchange location at which parents who exercise timesharing pursuant to a parenting plan or time-sharing schedule may meet to exchange the minor child.
- (b) Each parking lot designated as a neutral safe exchange location must have a purple light or a sign on the parking lot premises to clearly identify the designated area as a neutral safe exchange location. The neutral safe exchange location must:
 - 1. Be accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- 2. Provide adequate lighting and an external video surveillance system that records continuously, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- 3. Provide at least one camera that is fixed on the parking lot, is able to record the area in the vicinity of the purple light or sign during both day and night, records images that clearly and accurately display the time and date, and retains video surveillance recordings or images for at least 45 days.
- (c) A cause of action does not arise against a county, a sheriff, a law enforcement officer, or an employee of the designated safe exchange location based on an incident arising out of a meeting to exchange a minor child at a safe exchange location pursuant to this subsection.

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101	Section 4. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3), paragraph (a)
102	of subsection (5), and paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (6)
103	of section 741.30, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
104	741.30 Domestic violence; injunction; powers and duties of
105	court and clerk; petition; notice and hearing; temporary
106	injunction; issuance of injunction; statewide verification
107	system; enforcement; public records exemption
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109	(b) The sworn petition shall be in substantially the
110	following form:
111	PETITION FOR
112	INJUNCTION FOR PROTECTION
113	AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
114	Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared
115	Petitioner \dots (Name) \dots , who has been sworn and says that the
116	following statements are true:
117	(a) Petitioner resides at:(address)
118	(Petitioner may furnish address to the court in a separate
119	confidential filing if, for safety reasons, the petitioner
120	requires the location of the current residence to be
121	confidential.)
122	(b) Respondent resides at:(last known address)
123	(c) Respondent's last known place of employment: (name
124	of business and address)
125	(d) Physical description of respondent:

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L26	Race
L27	Sex
128	Date of birth
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133	Distinguishing marks or scars
134	(e) Aliases of respondent:
135	(f) Respondent is the spouse or former spouse of the
136	petitioner or is any other person related by blood or marriage
137	to the petitioner or is any other person who is or was residing
138	within a single dwelling unit with the petitioner, as if a
139	family, or is a person with whom the petitioner has a child in
L40	common, regardless of whether the petitioner and respondent are
141	or were married or residing together, as if a family.
142	(g) The following describes any other cause of action
L43	currently pending between the petitioner and respondent:
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L45	The petitioner should also describe any previous or pending
L46	attempts by the petitioner to obtain an injunction for
L47	protection against domestic violence in this or any other
L48	circuit, and the results of that attempt:
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150	Case numbers should be included if available.

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151	(h) Petitioner is either a victim of domestic violence or
152	has reasonable cause to believe he or she is in imminent danger
153	of becoming a victim of domestic violence because respondent
154	has: (mark all sections that apply and describe in the spaces
155	below the incidents of violence or threats of violence,
156	specifying when and where they occurred, including, but not
157	limited to, locations such as a home, school, place of
158	employment, or visitation exchange)
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161	committed or threatened to commit domestic violence
162	defined in s. 741.28, Florida Statutes, as any assault,
163	aggravated assault, battery, aggravated battery, sexual assault,
164	sexual battery, stalking, aggravated stalking, kidnapping, false
165	imprisonment, or any criminal offense resulting in physical
166	injury or death of one family or household member by another.
167	With the exception of persons who are parents of a child in
168	common, the family or household members must be currently
169	residing or have in the past resided together in the same single
170	dwelling unit.
171	previously threatened, harassed, stalked, or physically
172	abused the petitioner.
173	attempted to harm the petitioner or family members or
174	individuals closely associated with the petitioner.
175	threatened to conceal, kidnap, or harm the petitioner's

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176	child or children.
L77	intentionally injured or killed a family pet.
178	used, or has threatened to use, against the petitioner
L79	any weapons such as guns or knives.
180	physically restrained the petitioner from leaving the
181	home or calling law enforcement.
182	a criminal history involving violence or the threat of
183	violence (if known).
184	another order of protection issued against him or her
185	previously or from another jurisdiction (if known).
186	destroyed personal property, including, but not limited
187	to, telephones or other communication equipment, clothing, or
188	other items belonging to the petitioner.
189	engaged in a pattern of abusive, threatening,
190	intimidating, or controlling behavior composed of a series of
191	acts over a period of time, however short.
192	engaged in any other behavior or conduct that leads the
193	petitioner to have reasonable cause to believe he or she is in
L94	imminent danger of becoming a victim of domestic violence.
195	(i) Petitioner alleges the following additional specific
196	facts: (mark appropriate sections)
L97	A minor child or minor children reside with the
198	petitioner whose names and ages are as follows:
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200	Petitioner needs the exclusive use and possession of

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201	the dwelling that the parties share.
202	Petitioner is unable to obtain safe alternative housing
203	because:
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205	Petitioner genuinely fears that respondent imminently
206	will abuse, remove, or hide the minor child or children from
207	petitioner because:
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209	(j) Petitioner genuinely fears imminent domestic violence
210	by respondent.
211	(k) Petitioner seeks an injunction: (mark appropriate
212	section or sections)
213	Immediately restraining the respondent from committing
214	any acts of domestic violence.
215	Restraining the respondent from committing any acts of
216	domestic violence.
217	\ldots Awarding to the petitioner the temporary exclusive use
218	and possession of the dwelling that the parties share or
219	excluding the respondent from the residence of the petitioner.
220	Providing a temporary parenting plan, including a
221	temporary time-sharing schedule, with regard to the minor child
222	or children of the parties which might involve prohibiting or
223	limiting time-sharing or requiring that it be supervised by a
224	third party.
225	If temporary time-sharing of the child is awarded to

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the respondent, designating that the exchange of the minor child
or children of the parties must occur at a neutral safe exchange
location as provided in s. 125.01(8) or a supervised visitation
program as defined in s. 753.01.

-Establishing temporary support for the minor child or children or the petitioner.
-Directing the respondent to participate in a batterers' intervention program.
-Providing any terms the court deems necessary for the protection of a victim of domestic violence, or any minor children of the victim, including any injunctions or directives to law enforcement agencies.
- (5)(a) If it appears to the court that an immediate and present danger of domestic violence exists, the court may grant a temporary injunction ex parte, pending a full hearing, and may grant such relief as the court deems proper, including an injunction:
- 1. Restraining the respondent from committing any acts of domestic violence.
- 2. Awarding to the petitioner the temporary exclusive use and possession of the dwelling that the parties share or excluding the respondent from the residence of the petitioner.
- 3. On the same basis as provided in s. 61.13, providing the petitioner a temporary parenting plan, including a time-sharing schedule, which may award the petitioner up to 100

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percent of the time-sharing. If temporary time-sharing is awarded to the respondent, the exchange of the child must occur at a neutral safe exchange location as provided in s. 125.01(8) or a supervised visitation program as defined in s. 753.01 if the court determines it is in the best interests of the child after consideration of all of the factors in s. 61.13(3). The temporary parenting plan remains in effect until the order expires or an order is entered by a court of competent jurisdiction in a pending or subsequent civil action or proceeding affecting the placement of, access to, parental time with, adoption of, or parental rights and responsibilities for the minor child.

- 4. If the petitioner and respondent have an existing parenting plan or time-sharing schedule under another court order, designating that the exchange of the minor child or children of the parties must occur at a neutral safe exchange location as provided in s. 125.01(8) or a supervised visitation program as defined in s. 753.01 if the court determines it is in the best interests of the child after consideration of all of the factors in s. 61.13(3).
- 5.4. Awarding to the petitioner the temporary exclusive care, possession, or control of an animal that is owned, possessed, harbored, kept, or held by the petitioner, the respondent, or a minor child residing in the residence or household of the petitioner or respondent. The court may order

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the respondent to temporarily have no contact with the animal and prohibit the respondent from taking, transferring, encumbering, concealing, harming, or otherwise disposing of the animal. This subparagraph does not apply to an animal owned primarily for a bona fide agricultural purpose, as defined under s. 193.461, or to a service animal, as defined under s. 413.08, if the respondent is the service animal's handler.

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- (6)(a) Upon notice and hearing, when it appears to the court that the petitioner is either the victim of domestic violence as defined by s. 741.28 or has reasonable cause to believe he or she is in imminent danger of becoming a victim of domestic violence, the court may grant such relief as the court deems proper, including an injunction:
- 1. Restraining the respondent from committing any acts of domestic violence.
- 2. Awarding to the petitioner the exclusive use and possession of the dwelling that the parties share or excluding the respondent from the residence of the petitioner.
- 3. On the same basis as provided in chapter 61, providing the petitioner with 100 percent of the time-sharing in a temporary parenting plan that remains in effect until the order expires or an order is entered by a court of competent jurisdiction in a pending or subsequent civil action or proceeding affecting the placement of, access to, parental time with, adoption of, or parental rights and responsibilities for

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301 the minor child.

- 4. If the petitioner and respondent have an existing parenting plan or time-sharing schedule under another court order, designating that the exchange of the minor child or children of the parties must occur at a neutral safe exchange location as provided in s. 125.01(8) or a supervised visitation program as defined in s. 753.01 if the court determines it is in the best interests of the child after consideration of all of the factors in s. 61.13(3).
- 5.4. On the same basis as provided in chapter 61, establishing temporary support for a minor child or children or the petitioner. An order of temporary support remains in effect until the order expires or an order is entered by a court of competent jurisdiction in a pending or subsequent civil action or proceeding affecting child support.
- <u>6.5.</u> Ordering the respondent to participate in treatment, intervention, or counseling services to be paid for by the respondent. When the court orders the respondent to participate in a batterers' intervention program, the court, or any entity designated by the court, must provide the respondent with a list of batterers' intervention programs from which the respondent must choose a program in which to participate.
- 7.6. Referring a petitioner to a certified domestic violence center. The court must provide the petitioner with a list of certified domestic violence centers in the circuit which

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326 the petitioner may contact.

- 8.7. Awarding to the petitioner the exclusive care, possession, or control of an animal that is owned, possessed, harbored, kept, or held by the petitioner, the respondent, or a minor child residing in the residence or household of the petitioner or respondent. The court may order the respondent to have no contact with the animal and prohibit the respondent from taking, transferring, encumbering, concealing, harming, or otherwise disposing of the animal. This subparagraph does not apply to an animal owned primarily for a bona fide agricultural purpose, as defined under s. 193.461, or to a service animal, as defined under s. 413.08, if the respondent is the service animal's handler.
- 9.8. Ordering such other relief as the court deems necessary for the protection of a victim of domestic violence, including injunctions or directives to law enforcement agencies, as provided in this section.
- (c) The terms of an injunction restraining the respondent under subparagraph (a)1. or ordering other relief for the protection of the victim under subparagraph (a)9. (a)8. shall remain in effect until modified or dissolved. Either party may move at any time to modify or dissolve the injunction. No specific allegations are required. Such relief may be granted in addition to other civil or criminal remedies.
 - Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

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