

By Senator Garcia

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to required notice of intent to
contact a victim; creating s. 914.18, F.S.; requiring
specified persons acting on behalf of a criminal
defendant to file a specified notice within a
specified timeframe before contacting a victim in a
criminal proceeding for a specified purpose; providing
applicability; requiring that such notice be filed on
a standard form developed by the state attorney in
each judicial circuit; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 914.18, Florida Statutes, is created to
read:

914.18 Required notice of intent to contact victim.—

(1) Before any attorney, investigator, or other agent
acting on behalf of a criminal defendant may contact a victim
for the purpose of obtaining information relating to a pending
criminal proceeding, he or she must file a notice of intent to
contact the victim within 72 hours before making, or attempting
to make, such contact. This subsection does not apply to contact
with a victim which occurs during a court proceeding or
deposition.

(2) The notice required under subsection (1) must be filed
on a standard form developed and made available by the state
attorney in each judicial circuit.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.