

CHAPTER 97-156

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 97

An act relating to selection of probation and parole office space by the Department of Corrections; amending s. 945.28, F.S.; requiring the department to provide written notification to the county or municipal administrator 30 days prior to signing the lease or purchasing the property for intended probation and parole office space which is within one quarter mile of a place where children or a population especially vulnerable to crime due to age or physical or mental disability regularly congregates; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 945.28, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

945.28 Selection of probation or parole offices by the department; public notice.—

(1) Beginning July 1, 1995, whenever the department is going to enter into a contract for the lease or purchase of a probation ~~and~~ or parole office space to be used by the department, the department shall provide notice, by publication in the county in which the office space is to be located, in a newspaper of general circulation in said county, 30 days prior to signing any lease or purchasing any property to be used for office space, that the department intends to lease or purchase such property. The published notice shall include a telephone number whereby interested members of the public may communicate with the department with respect to any questions or input the public may have with regard to the proposed lease or purchase.

(2) When the site of the proposed probation and parole office space is to be located within one quarter mile of a school for children in grade 12 or lower, licensed day care center facility, park, playground, nursing home, convalescent center, hospital, association for disabled population, mental health center, youth center, group home for disabled population or youth, or other place where children or a population especially vulnerable to crime due to age or physical or mental disability regularly congregates, the department shall provide written notification to the county or city administrator in the county or city in which the office space is to be located simultaneously with the newspaper publication.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1997.

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