CHAPTER 2006-306

House Bill No. 1325

An act relating to controlled substances: amending s. 39.301. F.S.: requiring the Department of Children and Family Services to file a petition for dependency for the children of parents involved in certain controlled substance crimes: amending s. 893.13, F.S.: revising provisions relating to criminal penalties for controlled substance violations that result in serious injury to specified individuals: creating s. 627.4107, F.S.; prohibiting cancellation or nonrenewal of life or health insurance policies or certificates of insurance providing coverage to specified local, state, or federal employees due to exposure to toxic chemicals or due to disease or injury incurred in their duties related to controlled substance law violations committed by others: providing penalties: permitting cancellations or nonrenewals for specified fraud or misrepresentation; amending s. 907.041, F.S.: revising a definition: revising provisions relating to pretrial release of certain defendants charged with certain controlled substance offenses: providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (8) of section 39.301, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

39.301 Initiation of protective investigations.—

(8) The person responsible for the investigation shall make a preliminary determination as to whether the report is complete, consulting with the attorney for the department when necessary. In any case in which the person responsible for the investigation finds that the report is incomplete, he or she shall return it without delay to the person or agency originating the report or having knowledge of the facts, or to the appropriate law enforcement agency having investigative jurisdiction, and request additional information in order to complete the report; however, the confidentiality of any report filed in accordance with this chapter shall not be violated.

(b) If it is determined that the child is in need of the protection and supervision of the court, the department shall file a petition for dependency. A petition for dependency shall be filed in all cases classified by the department as high-risk. Factors that the department may consider in determining whether a case is high-risk include, but are not limited to, the young age of the parents or legal custodians, the use of illegal drugs, <u>the arrest of the parents or legal custodians on charges of manufacturing, processing, disposing of, or storing, either temporarily or permanently, any substances in violation of chapter 893, or domestic violence.</u>

Section 2. Subsection (12) of section 893.13, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

893.13 Prohibited acts; penalties.—

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(12) If a person violates any provision of this chapter and the violation results in a serious injury to a <u>state or local law enforcement officer as</u> <u>defined in s. 943.10</u>, firefighter as defined in s. 633.30, emergency medical technician as defined in s. 401.23, paramedic as defined in s. 401.23, employee of a public utility or an electric utility as defined in s. 366.02, animal control officer as defined in s. 828.27, volunteer firefighter engaged by state or local government, law enforcement officer employed by the Federal Government, or any other local, state, or Federal Government employee injured during the course and scope of his or her employment state, local, or federal law enforcement officer, the person commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. If the injury sustained results in death or great bodily harm, the person commits a felony of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.084.

Section 3. Section 627.4107, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

627.4107 Government employees exposed to toxic drug chemicals; cancellation of life or health policy or certificate prohibited.—No life or health insurer may cancel or nonrenew a life or health insurance policy or certificate of insurance providing coverage to a state or local law enforcement officer as defined in s. 943.10, firefighter as defined in s. 633.30, emergency medical technician as defined in s. 401.23, or paramedic as defined in s. 401.23, a volunteer firefighter engaged by state or local government, a law enforcement officer employed by the Federal Government, or any other local. state, or Federal Government employee solely based on the fact that the individual has been exposed to toxic chemicals or suffered injury or disease as a result of the individual's lawful duties arising out of the commission of a violation of chapter 893 by another person. This section does not apply to any person who commits an offense under chapter 893. This section does not prohibit an insurer from canceling or nonrenewing an insurance policy or certificate, as permitted under the applicable state insurance code, based on an act or practice of the policyholder or certificateholder that constitutes fraud or intentional misrepresentation of material fact by the policyholder or certificateholder.

Section 4. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 907.041, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (l) is added to that subsection, to read:

907.041 Pretrial detention and release.—

(4) PRETRIAL DETENTION.—

(a) As used in this subsection, "dangerous crime" means any of the following:

- 1. Arson;
- 2. Aggravated assault;
- 3. Aggravated battery;
- 4. Illegal use of explosives;

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5. Child abuse or aggravated child abuse;

6. Abuse of an elderly person or disabled adult, or aggravated abuse of an elderly person or disabled adult;

7. Aircraft piracy;

8. Kidnapping;

9. Homicide;

10. Manslaughter;

11. Sexual battery;

12. Robbery;

13. Carjacking;

14. Lewd, lascivious, or indecent assault or act upon or in presence of a child under the age of 16 years;

15. Sexual activity with a child, who is 12 years of age or older but less than 18 years of age, by or at solicitation of person in familial or custodial authority;

16. Burglary of a dwelling;

17. Stalking and aggravated stalking;

18. Act of domestic violence as defined in s. 741.28;

19. Home invasion robbery;

20. Act of terrorism as defined in s. 775.30; and

21. Manufacturing any substances in violation of chapter 893; and

<u>22.</u>21. Attempting or conspiring to commit any such crime.

(1) The Legislature finds that a person who manufactures any substances in violation of chapter 893 poses a threat of harm to the community and that the factual circumstances of such a crime indicate a disregard for the safety of the community. The court shall order pretrial detention if the court finds that there is a substantial probability that a defendant charged with manufacturing any substances in violation of chapter 893 committed such a crime and if the court finds that there are no conditions of release reasonably sufficient to protect the community from the risk of physical harm to persons.

Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

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