

CHAPTER 2010-69

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1493

An act relating to career offenders; amending s. 775.261, F.S.; providing that it is a first-degree misdemeanor for a person to perform specified acts with the intent to assist a career offender in eluding a law enforcement agency that is seeking to find the career offender to question the career offender about, or to arrest the career offender for, his or her noncompliance; providing criminal penalties; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (10) is added to section 775.261, Florida Statutes, to read:

775.261 The Florida Career Offender Registration Act.—

(10) ASSISTING IN NONCOMPLIANCE.—It is a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, for a person who has reason to believe that a career offender is not complying, or has not complied, with the requirements of this section and who, with the intent to assist the career offender in eluding a law enforcement agency that is seeking to find the career offender to question the career offender about, or to arrest the career offender for, his or her noncompliance with the requirements of this section, to:

(a) Withhold information from, or fail to notify, the law enforcement agency about the career offender's noncompliance with the requirements of this section and, if known, the whereabouts of the career offender;

(b) Harbor or attempt to harbor, or assist another in harboring or attempting to harbor, the career offender;

(c) Conceal or attempt to conceal, or assist another in concealing or attempting to conceal, the career offender; or

(d) Provide information to the law enforcement agency regarding the career offender which the person knows to be false.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.

Approved by the Governor May 11, 2010.

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