

CHAPTER 2011-132

House Bill No. 5401

An act relating to criminal justice; repealing s. 16.61, F.S., relating to the Cybercrime Office within the Department of Legal Affairs; creating s. 943.0415, F.S.; creating the Cybercrime Office within the Department of Law Enforcement to investigate certain violations of state law pertaining to the sexual exploitation of children; transferring and reassigning functions and responsibilities of the Cybercrime Office from the Department of Legal Affairs to the Department of Law Enforcement; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 16.61, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 2. Section 943.0415, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

943.0415 Cybercrime Office.—There is created within the Department of Law Enforcement the Cybercrime Office. The office may investigate violations of state law pertaining to the sexual exploitation of children which are facilitated by or connected to the use of any device capable of storing electronic data.

Section 3. All powers, duties, functions, records, personnel, property, pending issues and existing contracts, administrative authority, and unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, and other funds for the administration of the Cybercrime Office are transferred by a type two transfer, as defined in s. 20.06(2), Florida Statutes, from the Department of Legal Affairs to the Department of Law Enforcement.

Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.

Approved by the Governor June 2, 2011.

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