

## CHAPTER 2018-47

### Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 361

An act relating to persons authorized to visit juvenile facilities; creating s. 985.6885, F.S.; authorizing specified persons to visit, during certain hours, all facilities housing juveniles which are operated or overseen by the Department of Juvenile Justice or a county; authorizing such persons to visit the juvenile facilities outside of certain hours pursuant to department rules; prohibiting the department from unreasonably withholding permission for visits to such facilities by certain persons; requiring the department to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 985.6885, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

985.6885 Persons authorized to visit juvenile facilities.—

(1) The following persons may visit at their pleasure between the hours of 6 a.m. and 11 p.m. all facilities housing juveniles which are operated or overseen by the department or a county:

(a) The Governor.

(b) A Cabinet member.

(c) A member of the Legislature.

(d) A judge of a state court.

(e) A state attorney.

(f) A public defender.

(g) A person authorized by the secretary of the department.

(2) A person specified in subsection (1) may visit a facility subject to this section before 6 a.m. or after 11 p.m. pursuant to rules adopted by the department.

(3) The department may not unreasonably withhold permission to visit a facility subject to this section from a person who gives sufficient evidence that he or she is a bona fide reporter or writer.

(4) The department shall adopt rules to implement this section.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

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