

IN THE SUPREME COURT  
STATE OF FLORIDA

CASE No. SC13-865

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REBECCA LEE FALCON,

*Petitioner,*

v.

STATE OF FLORIDA,

*Respondent.*

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SUPPLEMENTAL REPLY BRIEF OF PETITIONER REBECCA LEE FALCON

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## ARGUMENT

**I. BECAUSE SECTION 775.082(1), FLORIDA STATUTES (2013), IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL AS APPLIED TO JUVENILE DEFENDANTS, THE COURT, TO CONFORM TO BOTH *MILLER V. ALABAMA*'S EIGHTH AMENDMENT ANALYSIS AND THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE'S INTENT, SHOULD ORDER THAT TRIAL COURTS MAY IMPOSE A TERM OF YEARS, UP TO AND INCLUDING LIFE IMPRISONMENT, ON JUVENILE DEFENDANTS CONVICTED OF FIRST-DEGREE MURDER.**

**A. The Florida Legislature's New Remedy Statute is Consistent with the Remedy Suggested by Petitioner and Inconsistent with the Remedy Suggested by the State.**

The state fails to acknowledge that the landscape for remedy analysis has changed. Buried in a footnote at the conclusion of its argument is a brief reference to the newly engrossed bill for *Graham/Miller* sentencing, Fla. Legisl., An Act Relating to Juvenile Sentencing, 2014 Reg. Sess., CS for HB 7035 [hereinafter Appendix ("A")], that has now been unanimously passed by the Florida Legislature (amending section 775.082, Florida Statutes (2013), and creating sections 921.1401 and 921.1402, Florida Statutes) and awaits the Governor's signature. (Supplemental Answer Brief ("SAB") at 23, n.4). The significance of the act is patent, for if statutory revival is, as the state asserts, a vehicle to enforce legislative intent, we now have "the best evidence of that intention." (See SAB at 13). And that intention is in no way tethered to the 21-year-old 1993 statute that the state would have this Court "revive."

In keeping with the sentencing parameters of *Miller v. Alabama*, 132 S. Ct. 2455 (2012), as discussed in Ms. Falcon's Supplemental Brief ("SB") at 8-11, the Legislature has rejected the one-size-fits-all approach when considering the

sentencing of juveniles. Accordingly, the state's argument that legislative intent supports mandatory lifetime sentences, either with or without parole consideration (SAB at 8-19), is directly refuted by the individualized sentencing that the Legislature has prescribed as the best method for complying with *Miller*.

Indeed, there are three key aspects of the act that conflict with the state's suggested remedy, but align with the remedy proposed by Ms. Falcon: 1) the Legislature's authorization of term-of-years sentences up to, and including, life imprisonment; 2) the grant of judicial discretion in choosing the term of years; and 3) the provision for judicial modification of the sentence to probation after a significant period of time.

Turning to the specifics of CS/HB 7035, section one provides for a term-of-years sentence, up to and including life imprisonment, with the precise contours of the sentencing options dependent on the circumstances of the homicide. (A:2-3). While a sentence of life imprisonment is authorized, it can be imposed only if that sentence is found appropriate after a sentencing hearing in accordance with the provisions in the recently passed section 921.1401, Florida Statutes. (A:8-9). Specific factors to be considered by the court at the hearing are enumerated therein, and focus on the circumstances of the offense, as well as the youth and attendant circumstances of the offender, and the possibility of rehabilitation. *Id.* If the court determines that a life sentence is not appropriate, a range of term-of-years

sentences are available, dependent on the juvenile's participation in the homicide. (A:2-3).<sup>1</sup>

There is no longer any question as to the "policy considerations that properly belong to the Legislature." (SAB at 19). It is manifest that the Legislature does not support the remedy proposed by the state that would mandate a life sentence for all juveniles convicted of capital homicide – either life imprisonment without the possibility of parole, or, by "reviving" the 1993 statute, life imprisonment without the possibility of parole for 25 years. To the contrary, the Legislature has chosen to comply with *Miller's* teachings by providing for judicial discretion and term-of-years sentences as suggested by Ms. Falcon in her Supplemental Brief. (SB at 18-20).

The new legislative scheme similarly defeats the state's assertion that the Legislature would prefer to expand parole rather than to permit judicial discretion in sentencing. (See SAB at 19-20). The Legislature has made clear that it has no interest in rebuilding the commission that it has been increasingly diminishing in both size and caseload since 1983. (See SB at 11-12). No doubt in response to *Miller's* recognition of the "great difficulty" in distinguishing at an early age

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<sup>1</sup> Specifically, the Legislature has divided juvenile capital-homicide offenders into those who killed, or intended or attempted to kill, and those who did not. For the former, the sentencing range is 40 years to life, while for the latter, there remains the possibility of a life sentence but there is no minimum sentence. (A:2-3). Regardless of the apposite category, no juvenile can be sentenced to life imprisonment without a sentencing hearing at which his or her youth and factors attendant to the offense and the offender may be considered, and the determination made that a life sentence is appropriate. (A:7-9).

between the rare irredeemable juvenile and those amenable to rehabilitation whose crimes reflect transient immaturity, 132 S. Ct. at 2469, the Legislature has provided an avenue for subsequent modification of the juvenile's sentence, but not through the parole system.

Instead, section three of CS/HB 7035 establishes section 921.1402, Florida Statutes, requiring sentencing review by the court of original jurisdiction for virtually all juveniles.<sup>2</sup> (A:9-13). Dependent on the nature of the capital homicide – whether or not the juvenile killed or attempted or intended to kill – this review is afforded after either 15 or 25 years. (A:9-10). And this review before the court differs significantly from that provided by the parole commission. The juvenile must receive notification of his or her eligibility for sentencing modification 18 months before the time for the hearing, and is entitled to representation by private counsel or a public defender if the juvenile cannot afford counsel. (A:11). Additionally, the Legislature has not left it to the trial court to establish the criteria for modification, as it has done for parole by the Parole Commission under section 947.165(1), Florida Statutes (2013). Rather, the Legislature has enumerated a nonexclusive list of nine factors to be considered by the sentence-review court (A:11-13), with an overriding emphasis on whether the juvenile has been

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<sup>2</sup> The only juvenile who is not entitled to sentencing review after conviction of a capital homicide is one who has killed or intended or attempted to kill, and who has a prior conviction of one of the serious felony offenses specified in the statute. (A:9-10). Otherwise, even a child convicted of a capital homicide and for whom a life sentence has been deemed appropriate after a sentencing hearing, is eligible for subsequent sentencing review. *Id.*



rehabilitated, in accordance with *Miller's* acknowledgment of a child's "diminished culpability and heightened capacity for change." *Miller*, 132 S. Ct. at 2469.

At the conclusion of the sentence-review hearing, the court must determine if the juvenile "has been rehabilitated and is reasonably believed to be fit to reenter society." (A:13). If the court so concludes, "the court shall modify the sentence and impose a term of probation of at least 5 years." *Id.* If the court does not so conclude, the court must enter a written order explaining why the sentence is not being modified. *Id.*

The Legislature thus has recognized that sentences for juveniles convicted of capital homicide should be revisited at a later point in time. But the Legislature did not choose to turn back the clock by decades and reinstitute parole as the means for sentence review, as the state now urges this Court to do. Instead, the Legislature has made clear its preference for judicial review, and its continued opposition to extending parole. Because the state is correct that "policy judgments ... are properly relegated to the Legislature" (SAB at 13), the state's revival-of-parole remedy, which contravenes the Legislature's manifest intent, completely misses its mark. The judicial sentence reduction and modification authorized by the new statute is, however, in perfect accord with the remedy of augmenting Rule 3.800(c) of the Florida Rules of Criminal Procedure, as suggested by Ms. Falcon in her Supplemental Brief. (SB at 20-21).

**B. Upon Declaring *Miller* Retroactive, This Court Should Order a Remedy Consistent with Legislative Intent.**

The Legislature's *Miller* remedy is expressly applicable to offenses committed on or after July 1, 2014. (A:16). It has been suggested that the Legislature would be constrained by the Florida Constitution to provide otherwise. *Partlow v. State*, 134 So. 3d 1027, 1032 n. 7 (Fla. 1st DCA 2013) (Makar, J., concurring in part and dissenting in part) ("To the extent a legislative solution exists, it faces hurdles including the state constitutional constraint that the '[r]epeal or amendment of a criminal statute shall not affect prosecution or punishment for any crime previously committed.' Art. X, § 9, Fla. Const.") (citations omitted); *see also Witt v. State*, 387 So. 2d 922 (Fla. 1980) (providing for the Court to declare that a fundamental constitutional right is retroactive). Irrespective of any legislative limitation, this Court has the responsibility and inherent power to enforce *Miller's* constitutional jurisprudence (SB at 6-8), and can now do so informed by legislative action.

The state does not and cannot quarrel with Ms. Falcon's argument that this Court must require an individualized sentencing hearing before a juvenile may be sentenced to lifetime incarceration. (SB at 8-10, 18; SAB at 6-8). The state does, however, contest the term-of-years sentences that Ms. Falcon proposes (SB at 18-20; SAB at 20-22) – and that the Legislature has prescribed – where lifetime sentences are deemed inappropriate. As to Ms. Falcon's suggestion for modification of Rule 3.800(c) to permit subsequent judicial modification and reduction of a juvenile's lifetime or term-of-years sentence, the state is notably silent. (SB at 20-21).

Both parties thus concur that this Court should require an individualized sentencing hearing before a juvenile may be resentenced to life imprisonment, which is also in accordance with the hearing mandated by the Legislature in its new legislation. This Court, in reliance on either its inherent power to enforce constitutional guarantees (see SB at 6-8), or the all-writs provision of Article V, Section 3(b)(7) of the Florida Constitution, should implement the hearing prerequisite that all agree is required by *Miller* and the Eighth Amendment.<sup>3</sup>

Regarding Ms. Falcon's suggestion that the Court provide for subsequent judicial reduction and modification of a juvenile's lifetime or term-of-years sentence, as an addition to the current Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.800 that provides a vehicle for reduction and modification (SB at 20-21), the state's silence is loud. This remedy should be adopted because it is consistent both with *Miller*, and the legislative response to *Miller*.

As for the term-of-years sentencing, the state is simply wrong that this remedy would be opposed by the Legislature. (See SAB at 19-22). Indeed, as discussed above, this is precisely the remedy that the Legislature has chosen. The Court could adopt this remedy under one of the two theories that has been advanced by Judges Wolf or Osterhaus, as discussed in Ms. Falcon's Supplemental Brief. (SB at 18-19).

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<sup>3</sup> This Court has used its all-writs authority to address and remedy the illegality of a criminal sentence where, as here, there is an independent basis of jurisdiction. *Bedford v. State*, 633 So. 2d 13, 14 (Fla. 1994); see *Williams v. State*, 913 So. 2d 541, 543-44 (Fla. 2005).

The state's proportionality concerns (SAB at 21-22) could be addressed by the Court ordering, again through its inherent power or by its all-writs authority, that sentencing courts abide by the legislative sentencing construct in choosing term-of-years sentences. Following the Legislature's lead in this manner would be consistent with the separation-of-powers doctrine that is the centerpiece of the state's revival argument, and certainly, far more consistent than returning to a decades-old statute that the Legislature has no interest in sustaining.

The Court should thus adopt the remedy proposed by Ms. Falcon that implements legislative will. By doing so, the Eighth Amendment proscription as interpreted in *Miller*, as well as the interests of equal justice hailed in *Witt*, 387 So. 2d at 925, will best be served.

**II. BECAUSE *MILLER* IS RETROACTIVE UNDER *WITT V. STATE*, THERE CAN BE NO DISTINCTION IN REMEDY.**

The state rightly concedes that "there are no principled distinctions between the two" types of cases, those pending on direct appeal and those seeking post-conviction relief, in terms of the proper remedy. (SAB at 24).

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An act relating to juvenile sentencing; amending s. 775.082, F.S.; providing criminal penalties applicable to a juvenile offender for certain serious felonies; requiring a judge to consider specified factors before determining if life imprisonment is an appropriate sentence for a juvenile offender convicted of certain offenses; providing review of sentences for specified juvenile offenders; creating s. 921.1401, F.S.; providing sentencing proceedings for determining if life imprisonment is an appropriate sentence for a juvenile offender convicted of certain offenses; providing certain factors a judge shall consider when determining if life imprisonment is appropriate for a juvenile offender; creating s. 921.1402, F.S.; defining the term "juvenile offender"; providing sentence review proceedings to be conducted after a specified period of time by the original sentencing court for juvenile offenders convicted of certain offenses; providing for subsequent reviews; requiring the Department of Corrections to notify a juvenile offender of his or her eligibility to participate in sentence review hearings; entitling a juvenile offender to be represented by counsel; providing factors that must be considered by the court in the





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26 sentence review; requiring the court to modify a  
 27 juvenile offender's sentence if certain factors are  
 28 found; requiring the court to impose a term of  
 29 probation for any sentence modified; requiring the  
 30 court to make written findings if the court declines  
 31 to modify a juvenile offender's sentence; amending ss.  
 32 316.3026, 373.430, 403.161, and 648.571, F.S.;

33 conforming cross-references; providing an effective  
 34 date.

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

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38 Section 1. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 775.082,  
 39 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

40 775.082 Penalties; applicability of sentencing structures;  
 41 mandatory minimum sentences for certain reoffenders previously  
 42 released from prison.-

43 (1) (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), a person who  
 44 has been convicted of a capital felony shall be punished by  
 45 death if the proceeding held to determine sentence according to  
 46 the procedure set forth in s. 921.141 results in findings by the  
 47 court that such person shall be punished by death, otherwise  
 48 such person shall be punished by life imprisonment and shall be  
 49 ineligible for parole.

50 (b)1. A person who actually killed, intended to kill, or



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51 attempted to kill the victim and who is convicted under s.  
 52 782.04 of a capital felony, or an offense that was reclassified  
 53 as a capital felony, which was committed before the person  
 54 attained 18 years of age shall be punished by a term of  
 55 imprisonment for life if, after a sentencing hearing conducted  
 56 by the court in accordance with s. 921.1401, the court finds  
 57 that life imprisonment is an appropriate sentence. If the court  
 58 finds that life imprisonment is not an appropriate sentence,  
 59 such person shall be punished by a term of imprisonment of at  
 60 least 40 years. A person sentenced pursuant to this subparagraph  
 61 is entitled to a review of his or her sentence in accordance  
 62 with s. 921.1402(2)(a).

63 2. A person who did not actually kill, intend to kill, or  
 64 attempt to kill the victim and who is convicted under s. 782.04  
 65 of a capital felony, or an offense that was reclassified as a  
 66 capital felony, which was committed before the person attained  
 67 18 years of age may be punished by a term of imprisonment for  
 68 life or by a term of years equal to life if, after a sentencing  
 69 hearing conducted by the court in accordance with s. 921.1401,  
 70 the court finds that life imprisonment is an appropriate  
 71 sentence. A person who is sentenced to a term of imprisonment of  
 72 more than 15 years is entitled to a review of his or her  
 73 sentence in accordance with s. 921.1402(2)(c).

74 3. The court shall make a written finding as to whether a  
 75 person is eligible for a sentence review hearing under s.



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76 921.1402(2)(a) or (2)(c). Such a finding shall be based upon  
 77 whether the person actually killed, intended to kill, or  
 78 attempted to kill the victim. The court may find that multiple  
 79 defendants killed, intended to kill, or attempted to kill the  
 80 victim.

81 (3) A person who has been convicted of any other  
 82 designated felony may be punished as follows:

83 (a)1. For a life felony committed before ~~prior to~~ October  
 84 1, 1983, by a term of imprisonment for life or for a term of at  
 85 least years not less than 30 years.

86 2. For a life felony committed on or after October 1,  
 87 1983, by a term of imprisonment for life or by a term of  
 88 imprisonment not exceeding 40 years.

89 3. Except as provided in subparagraph 4., for a life  
 90 felony committed on or after July 1, 1995, by a term of  
 91 imprisonment for life or by imprisonment for a term of years not  
 92 exceeding life imprisonment.

93 4.a. Except as provided in sub-subparagraph b., for a life  
 94 felony committed on or after September 1, 2005, which is a  
 95 violation of s. 800.04(5)(b), by:

96 (I) A term of imprisonment for life; or

97 (II) A split sentence that is a term of at least ~~not less~~  
 98 ~~than~~ 25 years' imprisonment and not exceeding life imprisonment,  
 99 followed by probation or community control for the remainder of  
 100 the person's natural life, as provided in s. 948.012(4).



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101           b. For a life felony committed on or after July 1, 2008,  
 102 which is a person's second or subsequent violation of s.  
 103 800.04(5)(b), by a term of imprisonment for life.

104           5. Notwithstanding subparagraphs 1.-4., a person who is  
 105 convicted under s. 782.04 of an offense that was reclassified as  
 106 a life felony which was committed before the person attained 18  
 107 years of age may be punished by a term of imprisonment for life  
 108 or by a term of years equal to life imprisonment if the judge  
 109 conducts a sentencing hearing in accordance with s. 921.1401 and  
 110 finds that life imprisonment or a term of years equal to life  
 111 imprisonment is an appropriate sentence.

112           a. A person who actually killed, intended to kill, or  
 113 attempted to kill the victim and is sentenced to a term of  
 114 imprisonment of more than 25 years is entitled to a review of  
 115 his or her sentence in accordance with s. 921.1402(2)(b).

116           b. A person who did not actually kill, intend to kill, or  
 117 attempt to kill the victim and is sentenced to a term of  
 118 imprisonment of more than 15 years is entitled to a review of  
 119 his or her sentence in accordance with s. 921.1402(2)(c).

120           c. The court shall make a written finding as to whether a  
 121 person is eligible for a sentence review hearing under s.  
 122 921.1402(2)(b) or (2)(c). Such a finding shall be based upon  
 123 whether the person actually killed, intended to kill, or  
 124 attempted to kill the victim. The court may find that multiple  
 125 defendants killed, intended to kill, or attempted to kill the



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126 victim.

127 (b)1. For a felony of the first degree, by a term of  
 128 imprisonment not exceeding 30 years or, when specifically  
 129 provided by statute, by imprisonment for a term of years not  
 130 exceeding life imprisonment.

131 2. Notwithstanding subparagraph 1., a person convicted  
 132 under s. 782.04 of a first-degree felony punishable by a term of  
 133 years not exceeding life imprisonment, or an offense that was  
 134 reclassified as a first degree felony punishable by a term of  
 135 years not exceeding life, which was committed before the person  
 136 attained 18 years of age may be punished by a term of years  
 137 equal to life imprisonment if the judge conducts a sentencing  
 138 hearing in accordance with s. 921.1401 and finds that a term of  
 139 years equal to life imprisonment is an appropriate sentence.

140 a. A person who actually killed, intended to kill, or  
 141 attempted to kill the victim and is sentenced to a term of  
 142 imprisonment of more than 25 years is entitled to a review of  
 143 his or her sentence in accordance with s. 921.1402(2)(b).

144 b. A person who did not actually kill, intend to kill, or  
 145 attempt to kill the victim and is sentenced to a term of  
 146 imprisonment of more than 15 years is entitled to a review of  
 147 his or her sentence in accordance with s. 921.1402(2)(c).

148 c. The court shall make a written finding as to whether a  
 149 person is eligible for a sentence review hearing under s.  
 150 921.1402(2)(b) or (2)(c). Such a finding shall be based upon



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151 whether the person actually killed, intended to kill, or  
 152 attempted to kill the victim. The court may find that multiple  
 153 defendants killed, intended to kill, or attempted to kill the  
 154 victim.

155 (c) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) and (b), a person  
 156 convicted of an offense that is not included in s. 782.04 but  
 157 that is an offense that is a life felony or is punishable by a  
 158 term of imprisonment for life or by a term of years not  
 159 exceeding life imprisonment, or an offense that was reclassified  
 160 as a life felony or an offense punishable by a term of  
 161 imprisonment for life or by a term of years not exceeding life  
 162 imprisonment, which was committed before the person attained 18  
 163 years of age may be punished by a term of imprisonment for life  
 164 or a term of years equal to life imprisonment if the judge  
 165 conducts a sentencing hearing in accordance with s. 921.1401 and  
 166 finds that life imprisonment or a term of years equal to life  
 167 imprisonment is an appropriate sentence. A person who is  
 168 sentenced to a term of imprisonment of more than 20 years is  
 169 entitled to a review of his or her sentence in accordance with  
 170 s. 921.1402(2)(d).

171 (d)(e) For a felony of the second degree, by a term of  
 172 imprisonment not exceeding 15 years.

173 (e)(d) For a felony of the third degree, by a term of  
 174 imprisonment not exceeding 5 years.

175 Section 2. Section 921.1401, Florida Statutes, is created



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176 to read:

177 921.1401 Sentence of life imprisonment for persons who are  
 178 under the age of 18 years at the time of the offense; sentencing  
 179 proceedings.-

180 (1) Upon conviction or adjudication of guilt of an offense  
 181 described in s. 775.082(1)(b), s. 775.082(3)(a)5., s.  
 182 775.082(3)(b)2., or s. 775.082(3)(c) which was committed on or  
 183 after July 1, 2014, the court may conduct a separate sentencing  
 184 hearing to determine if a term of imprisonment for life or a  
 185 term of years equal to life imprisonment is an appropriate  
 186 sentence.

187 (2) In determining whether life imprisonment or a term of  
 188 years equal to life imprisonment is an appropriate sentence, the  
 189 court shall consider factors relevant to the offense and the  
 190 defendant's youth and attendant circumstances, including, but  
 191 not limited to:

192 (a) The nature and circumstances of the offense committed  
 193 by the defendant.

194 (b) The effect of the crime on the victim's family and on  
 195 the community.

196 (c) The defendant's age, maturity, intellectual capacity,  
 197 and mental and emotional health at the time of the offense.

198 (d) The defendant's background, including his or her  
 199 family, home, and community environment.

200 (e) The effect, if any, of immaturity, impetuosity, or



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201 failure to appreciate risks and consequences on the defendant's  
 202 participation in the offense.

203 (f) The extent of the defendant's participation in the  
 204 offense.

205 (g) The effect, if any, of familial pressure or peer  
 206 pressure on the defendant's actions.

207 (h) The nature and extent of the defendant's prior  
 208 criminal history.

209 (i) The effect, if any, of characteristics attributable to  
 210 the defendant's youth on the defendant's judgment.

211 (j) The possibility of rehabilitating the defendant.

212 Section 3. Section 921.1402, Florida Statutes, is created  
 213 to read:

214 921.1402 Review of sentences for persons convicted of  
 215 specified offenses committed while under the age of 18 years.-

216 (1) For purposes of this section, the term "juvenile  
 217 offender" means a person sentenced to imprisonment in the  
 218 custody of the Department of Corrections for an offense  
 219 committed on or after July 1, 2014, and committed before he or  
 220 she attained 18 years of age.

221 (2)(a) A juvenile offender sentenced under s.  
 222 775.082(1)(b)1. is entitled to a review of his or her sentence  
 223 after 25 years. However, a juvenile offender is not entitled to  
 224 review if he or she has previously been convicted of one of the  
 225 following offenses, or conspiracy to commit one of the following





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226 offenses, if the offense for which the person was previously  
 227 convicted was part of a separate criminal transaction or episode  
 228 than that which resulted in the sentence under s.

229 775.082(1)(b)1.:

- 230 1. Murder;
- 231 2. Manslaughter;
- 232 3. Sexual battery;
- 233 4. Armed burglary;
- 234 5. Armed robbery;
- 235 6. Armed carjacking;
- 236 7. Home-invasion robbery;
- 237 8. Human trafficking for commercial sexual activity with a  
 238 child under 18 years of age;
- 239 9. False imprisonment under s. 787.02(3)(a); or
- 240 10. Kidnapping.

241 (b) A juvenile offender sentenced to a term of more than  
 242 25 years under s. 775.082(3)(a)5.a. or s. 775.082(3)(b)2.a. is  
 243 entitled to a review of his or her sentence after 25 years.

244 (c) A juvenile offender sentenced to a term of more than  
 245 15 years under s. 775.082(1)(b)2., s. 775.082(3)(a)5.b., or s.  
 246 775.082(3)(b)2.b. is entitled to a review of his or her sentence  
 247 after 15 years.

248 (d) A juvenile offender sentenced to a term of 20 years or  
 249 more under s. 775.082(3)(c) is entitled to a review of his or  
 250 her sentence after 20 years. If the juvenile offender is not



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251 resentenced at the initial review hearing, he or she is eligible  
 252 for one subsequent review hearing 10 years after the initial  
 253 review hearing.

254 (3) The Department of Corrections shall notify a juvenile  
 255 offender of his or her eligibility to request a sentence review  
 256 hearing 18 months before the juvenile offender is entitled to a  
 257 sentence review hearing under this section.

258 (4) A juvenile offender seeking sentence review pursuant  
 259 to subsection (2) must submit an application to the court of  
 260 original jurisdiction requesting that a sentence review hearing  
 261 be held. The juvenile offender must submit a new application to  
 262 the court of original jurisdiction to request subsequent  
 263 sentence review hearings pursuant to paragraph (2)(d). The  
 264 sentencing court shall retain original jurisdiction for the  
 265 duration of the sentence for this purpose.

266 (5) A juvenile offender who is eligible for a sentence  
 267 review hearing under this section is entitled to be represented  
 268 by counsel, and the court shall appoint a public defender to  
 269 represent the juvenile offender if the juvenile offender cannot  
 270 afford an attorney.

271 (6) Upon receiving an application from an eligible  
 272 juvenile offender, the court of original sentencing jurisdiction  
 273 shall hold a sentence review hearing to determine whether the  
 274 juvenile offender's sentence should be modified. When  
 275 determining if it is appropriate to modify the juvenile



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276 offender's sentence, the court shall consider any factor it  
 277 deems appropriate, including all of the following:

278 (a) Whether the juvenile offender demonstrates maturity  
 279 and rehabilitation.

280 (b) Whether the juvenile offender remains at the same  
 281 level of risk to society as he or she did at the time of the  
 282 initial sentencing.

283 (c) The opinion of the victim or the victim's next of kin.  
 284 The absence of the victim or the victim's next of kin from the  
 285 sentence review hearing may not be a factor in the determination  
 286 of the court under this section. The court shall permit the  
 287 victim or victim's next of kin to be heard, in person, in  
 288 writing, or by electronic means. If the victim or the victim's  
 289 next of kin chooses not to participate in the hearing, the court  
 290 may consider previous statements made by the victim or the  
 291 victim's next of kin during the trial, initial sentencing phase,  
 292 or subsequent sentencing review hearings.

293 (d) Whether the juvenile offender was a relatively minor  
 294 participant in the criminal offense or acted under extreme  
 295 duress or the domination of another person.

296 (e) Whether the juvenile offender has shown sincere and  
 297 sustained remorse for the criminal offense.

298 (f) Whether the juvenile offender's age, maturity, and  
 299 psychological development at the time of the offense affected  
 300 his or her behavior.



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301       (g) Whether the juvenile offender has successfully  
 302 obtained a general educational development certificate or  
 303 completed another educational, technical, work, vocational, or  
 304 self-rehabilitation program, if such a program is available.

305       (h) Whether the juvenile offender was a victim of sexual,  
 306 physical, or emotional abuse before he or she committed the  
 307 offense.

308       (i) The results of any mental health assessment, risk  
 309 assessment, or evaluation of the juvenile offender as to  
 310 rehabilitation.

311       (7) If the court determines at a sentence review hearing  
 312 that the juvenile offender has been rehabilitated and is  
 313 reasonably believed to be fit to reenter society, the court  
 314 shall modify the sentence and impose a term of probation of at  
 315 least 5 years. If the court determines that the juvenile  
 316 offender has not demonstrated rehabilitation or is not fit to  
 317 reenter society, the court shall issue a written order stating  
 318 the reasons why the sentence is not being modified.

319       Section 4. Subsection (2) of section 316.3026, Florida  
 320 Statutes, is amended to read:

321       316.3026 Unlawful operation of motor carriers.—

322       (2) Any motor carrier enjoined or prohibited from  
 323 operating by an out-of-service order by this state, any other  
 324 state, or the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration may  
 325 not operate on the roadways of this state until the motor



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326 carrier has been authorized to resume operations by the  
 327 originating enforcement jurisdiction. Commercial motor vehicles  
 328 owned or operated by any motor carrier prohibited from operation  
 329 found on the roadways of this state shall be placed out of  
 330 service by law enforcement officers of the Department of Highway  
 331 Safety and Motor Vehicles, and the motor carrier assessed a  
 332 \$10,000 civil penalty pursuant to 49 C.F.R. s. 383.53, in  
 333 addition to any other penalties imposed on the driver or other  
 334 responsible person. Any person who knowingly drives, operates,  
 335 or causes to be operated any commercial motor vehicle in  
 336 violation of an out-of-service order issued by the department in  
 337 accordance with this section commits a felony of the third  
 338 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082(3)(e)  
 339 ~~775.082(3)(d)~~. Any costs associated with the impoundment or  
 340 storage of such vehicles are the responsibility of the motor  
 341 carrier. Vehicle out-of-service orders may be rescinded when the  
 342 department receives proof of authorization for the motor carrier  
 343 to resume operation.

344 Section 5. Subsection (3) of section 373.430, Florida  
 345 Statutes, is amended to read:

346 373.430 Prohibitions, violation, penalty, intent.-

347 (3) Any person who willfully commits a violation specified  
 348 in paragraph (1)(a) is guilty of a felony of the third degree,  
 349 punishable as provided in ss. 775.082(3)(e) ~~775.082(3)(d)~~ and  
 350 775.083(1)(g), by a fine of not more than \$50,000 or by



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351 | imprisonment for 5 years, or by both, for each offense. Each day  
 352 | during any portion of which such violation occurs constitutes a  
 353 | separate offense.

354 |       Section 6. Subsection (3) of section 403.161, Florida  
 355 | Statutes, is amended to read:

356 |       403.161 Prohibitions, violation, penalty, intent.—

357 |       (3) Any person who willfully commits a violation specified  
 358 | in paragraph (1)(a) is guilty of a felony of the third degree  
 359 | punishable as provided in ss. 775.082(3)(e) ~~775.082(3)(d)~~ and  
 360 | 775.083(1)(g) by a fine of not more than \$50,000 or by  
 361 | imprisonment for 5 years, or by both, for each offense. Each day  
 362 | during any portion of which such violation occurs constitutes a  
 363 | separate offense.

364 |       Section 7. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section  
 365 | 648.571, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

366 |       648.571 Failure to return collateral; penalty.—

367 |       (3)

368 |       (c) Allowable expenses incurred in apprehending a  
 369 | defendant because of a bond forfeiture or judgment under s.  
 370 | 903.29 may be deducted if such expenses are accounted for. The  
 371 | failure to return collateral under these terms is punishable as  
 372 | follows:

373 |       1. If the collateral is of a value less than \$100, as  
 374 | provided in s. 775.082(4)(a).

375 |       2. If the collateral is of a value of \$100 or more, as



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376 provided in s. 775.082(3)(e) ~~775.082(3)(d)~~.

377 3. If the collateral is of a value of \$1,500 or more, as  
378 provided in s. 775.082(3)(d) ~~775.082(3)(e)~~.

379 4. If the collateral is of a value of \$10,000 or more, as  
380 provided in s. 775.082(3)(b).

381 Section 8. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.