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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to a duty of candor to alleged  
3       victims; creating s. 960.0023, F.S.; requiring certain  
4       persons to disclose their identity and, if  
5       representing or working on behalf of another, the  
6       identity of that other person and his or her relation  
7       to that person when contacting an alleged victim of a  
8       crime or a delinquent act to obtain information  
9       relating to the alleged victim or the crime or  
10      delinquent act; providing criminal penalties;  
11      providing an effective date.

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

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15       Section 1. Section 960.0023, Florida Statutes, is created  
16 to read:

17       960.0023 Duty of candor to an alleged victim.—A person who  
18 has been arrested or charged with a crime or a delinquent act,  
19 as well as that person's attorney or agent, who contacts the  
20 alleged victim to obtain information relating to the alleged  
21 victim of the crime or delinquent act must disclose his or her  
22 identity and, in the case of an attorney or agent, the identity  
23 of the person he or she represents or on whose behalf he or she  
24 is working and his or her relation to that person. A person who  
25 violates this section commits a misdemeanor of the second  
26 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

27       Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2023.