

Proposed State Legislation “ **Safer Florida Community Act of 2010** ”

Preamble

We assert the following to be true:

1. That the State of Florida is seen as a very attractive destination for new residents to relocate to for a variety of climatic and economics reasons, and has a high rate of new residents crossing state lines daily with the intention to become permanent residents.
2. That most of these transplants are good. law abiding contributing members of our society; however there is quite a substantial percentage that have a criminal record of violence or drug offenses and are potentially very dangerous to our communities.
3. That these potentially very dangerous parties do not tend to own properties; but almost always rent their housing.
4. That the entities which provide housing are in fact the “gatekeepers” of our communities and wish to keep our communities safe from drug or violent offenders.
5. That at present, there exists no means for an entity providing housing to these individuals to perform a nationwide criminal history background check on any new housing applicant, irregardless of cost. For some unknown reason, this information is presently available to law enforcement only.
6. That these records are in the public domain and the public has a right and need to access these records.
7. That citizens tax dollars have paid provided for the police, courts and corrections in order that these public records could appear.
8. That a public internet data portal should be available at no or little charge to the citizens of this state so they may check these national criminal histories and make an informed decision in providing housing.
9. That such a portal could be funded by co-oping with the private sector, such as running paid advertisements on the border and margins etc.