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The Florida Senate  
**COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA**  
**APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL AND  
 CIVIL JUSTICE**  
**Senator Brandes, Chair**  
**Senator Bracy, Vice Chair**

**MEETING DATE:** Wednesday, January 22, 2020  
**TIME:** 1:30—3:30 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Mallory Horne Committee Room, 37 Senate Building

**MEMBERS:** Senator Brandes, Chair; Senator Bracy, Vice Chair; Senators Gainer, Gruters, Harrell, Perry, Rouson, and Taddeo

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	<b>SB 118</b> Gruters (Similar H 131)	Security in Trial Court Facilities; Requiring sheriffs to coordinate with certain boards of county commissioners and chief judges to develop a comprehensive plan for security of trial court facilities; specifying that sheriffs and their deputies, employees, and contractors are officers of the court under specified circumstances, etc.  JU      09/17/2019 Favorable ACJ     01/22/2020 Favorable AP	Favorable Yeas 7 Nays 0
2	<b>CS/SB 556</b> Criminal Justice / Brandes (Compare H 837, Linked S 1728)	Inmate Conditional Medical Release; Establishing the conditional medical release program within the Department of Corrections; requiring any inmate who meets certain criteria to be considered for conditional medical release; providing for victim notification in certain circumstances; providing that an inmate who is approved for conditional medical release must be released from the department in a reasonable amount of time; providing that a medical releasee remains in the care, custody, supervision, and control of the department and is eligible to earn or lose gain-time, etc.  CJ      11/12/2019 Fav/CS ACJ     01/22/2020 Temporarily Postponed AP	Temporarily Postponed
3	<b>SB 560</b> Brandes	Sentencing; Renaming the Criminal Punishment Code as the Public Safety Code; revising the primary purpose of sentencing under the Public Safety Code from punishing an offender to public safety, etc.  CJ      11/12/2019 Favorable ACJ     01/22/2020 Favorable AP	Favorable Yeas 7 Nays 0

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4	<b>CS/SB 574</b> Criminal Justice / Brandes (Compare H 837, Linked S 1718)	Conditional Aging Inmate Release; Establishing the conditional aging inmate release program within the Department of Corrections; requiring that an inmate who meets certain criteria be considered for conditional aging inmate release; providing victim notification requirements under certain circumstances; providing that an inmate who is approved for conditional aging inmate release must be released from the department's custody within a reasonable amount of time; prohibiting an aging releasee or his or her community-based housing from being counted in the prison system population and the prison capacity figures, respectively, etc.  CJ 12/10/2019 Fav/CS ACJ 01/22/2020 Temporarily Postponed AP	Temporarily Postponed

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Other Related Meeting Documents

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**The Florida Senate**  
**BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice

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BILL: SB 118

INTRODUCER: Senator Gruters

SUBJECT: Security in Trial Court Facilities

DATE: January 21, 2020

REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Cibula</u>	<u>Cibula</u>	<u>JU</u>	<b>Favorable</b>
2.	<u>Jameson</u>	<u>Jameson</u>	<u>ACJ</u>	<b>Recommend: Favorable</b>
3.	_____	_____	<u>AP</u>	_____

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## I. Summary:

SB 118 addresses the decision-making authority and responsibilities of two constitutional officers, the chief judge of a circuit court and the county sheriff, in providing court security. In a recent case before the Second District Court of Appeal, the court resolved the competing claims of authority and responsibility at issue in the case by holding that a chief circuit judge may require a sheriff in the circuit, because the sheriff is an officer of the court, to comply with the judge's order requiring the sheriff to provide security at court facilities.

The bill reiterates that sheriffs are officers of the court, and requires each sheriff to coordinate with his or her local chief judge and county commissioners in developing a court security plan. However, the bill provides that sheriffs retain authority to implement and provide law enforcement services associated with the plan. Finally, the bill provides that the chief judge retains decision-making authority to carry out his or her administrative functions concerning the protection of due process rights and the scheduling and conduct of trials and other judicial proceedings.

The bill has an indeterminate fiscal impact. See Section V.

The bill has an effective date of July 1, 2020.

## II. Present Situation:

### Context: A 2017 District Court of Appeal Opinion

In 2017, a controversy arose regarding the authority of the Chief Judge of the Twelfth Circuit to require the Sarasota County Sheriff to provide security at certain court facilities.<sup>1</sup> This

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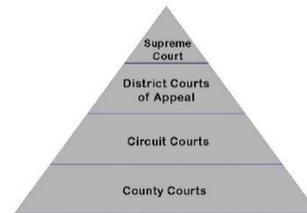
<sup>1</sup> See generally *Knight v. Chief Judge of Florida's Twelfth Judicial Circuit*, 235 So. 3d 996 (Fla. 2d DCA 2017).

culminated in a District Court of Appeal Opinion in which the Court held that a chief circuit judge may compel the sheriffs of his or her circuit to provide security at all court facilities, including those at which no sessions of court (such as trials or hearings) are held.<sup>2</sup>

### Florida's Court System

The Florida Constitution vests all judicial power in:

- The supreme court;
- The district courts of appeal;
- The circuit courts; and
- The county courts.<sup>3</sup>



The Constitution provides that “[n]o other courts may be established by the state, any political subdivision or any municipality.”<sup>4</sup>

### Court System Administration

The Constitution vests the Florida Supreme Court with broad authority to administer the state courts system and establish court rules of procedure.<sup>5</sup> The chief justice of the Florida Supreme Court is constitutionally designated as the “chief administrative officer of the judicial system.”<sup>6</sup> The Constitution also directs that a chief judge be chosen for each district court of appeal and each circuit court.<sup>7</sup>

#### *Chief Judge of the Circuit Court*

The chief judge of the circuit court has administrative supervision responsibility for the circuit court, as well as the county courts within his or her circuit.<sup>8</sup> Currently, there are 20 judicial circuits and 67 county courts, one in each of Florida’s 67 counties,<sup>9</sup> as constitutionally required.<sup>10</sup>

The following maps illustrate the territorial jurisdictions of the circuit and county courts. Note, some circuits contain multiple counties, particularly in North Florida; whereas, some circuits contain only one county, particularly in the larger metropolitan areas in Central and South Florida.<sup>11</sup>

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> FLA. CONST. art. V., s. 1.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.* (although the Constitution permits the Legislature to establish quasi-judicial, administrative courts and a civil traffic infraction hearing officer system).

<sup>5</sup> FLA. CONST. art. V, s. 2(a).

<sup>6</sup> FLA. CONST. art. V, s. 2(b).

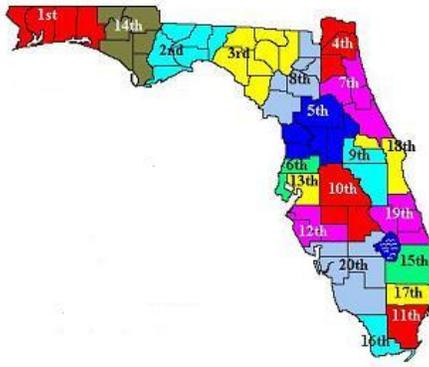
<sup>7</sup> FLA. CONST. art. V, s. 2(c), (d).

<sup>8</sup> FLA. CONST. art. V, s. 2(d). Additionally, the chief judge is constitutionally chosen “as provided by supreme court rule.” *Id.*

<sup>9</sup> Florida Courts, *Court System Organization & Structure*, <http://www.flcourts.org/florida-courts/> (last visited Sept. 10, 2019).

<sup>10</sup> FLA. CONST. art. V, s. 6(a) (“There shall be a county court in each county.”).

<sup>11</sup> Ron DeSantis, 46<sup>th</sup> Governor of Florida, Judicial and Judicial Nominating Commission Information, *The Florida Court System*, <https://www.flgov.com/judicial-and-judicial-nominating-commission-information/> (last visited Sept. 10, 2019).



Twenty Judicial Circuits



Sixty-Seven Counties

The chief judge exercises “administrative supervision over all the trial courts within the judicial circuit and over the judges and other officers of such courts.”<sup>12</sup> In exercising his or her responsibility, the chief judge has the power to:

- Assign judges to court divisions and determine the length of the assignment.
- Regulate the use of courtrooms.
- Supervise dockets and calendars.
- Require attendance of all other officers of the court.
- Do everything necessary to promote the prompt and efficient administration of justice in the courts.
- Delegate to the trial court administrator, by administrative order, the authority to bind the circuit in contract.
- Manage, operate, and oversee the jury system.
- Report data to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court concerning the circuit’s caseload, status of dockets, disposition of cases, and other relevant information.
- Consult with the clerk of court to determine the priority of services provided by the clerk to the trial courts.<sup>13</sup>

**County Responsibilities for Funding Court-Related Functions**

Under Article V, s. 14 of the Florida Constitution, the state is responsible for most of the costs of the state courts system. However, the Constitution requires counties to:

[F]und the cost of communications services, existing radio systems, existing multi-agency criminal justice information systems, and the cost of construction or lease, maintenance, utilities, and *security of facilities for the trial courts, public defenders’ offices, state attorneys’ offices, and the offices of the clerks of the circuit and county courts performing court-related functions.*<sup>14</sup>

<sup>12</sup> Section 43.26, F.S.

<sup>13</sup> *Id.*

<sup>14</sup> Emphasis added.

The constitutional responsibility for counties to fund court-related functions is implemented in s. 29.008, F.S., which also defines many of the key terms from the constitutional provision above. Among these terms, s. 29.008(1)(a), F.S. defines “facility” as follows:

“Facility” means reasonable and necessary buildings and office space and appurtenant equipment and furnishings, structures, real estate, easements, and related interests in real estate, including, but not limited to, those for the purpose of housing legal materials for use by the general public and personnel, equipment, or functions of the circuit or county courts, public defenders’ offices, state attorneys’ offices, and court-related functions of the office of the clerks of the circuit and county courts and all storage. The term “facility” includes all wiring necessary for court reporting services. The term also includes access to parking for such facilities in connection with such court-related functions that may be available free or from a private provider or a local government for a fee. . . .

1. As of July 1, 2005, equipment and furnishings shall be limited to that appropriate and customary for courtrooms, hearing rooms, jury facilities, and other public areas in courthouses and any other facility occupied by the courts, state attorneys, public defenders, guardians ad litem, and criminal conflict and civil regional counsel. Court reporting equipment in these areas or facilities is not a responsibility of the county.

2. Equipment and furnishings under this paragraph in existence and owned by counties on July 1, 2005, except for that in the possession of the clerks, for areas other than courtrooms, hearing rooms, jury facilities, and other public areas in courthouses and any other facility occupied by the courts, state attorneys, and public defenders, shall be transferred to the state at no charge. This provision does not apply to any communications services as defined in paragraph (f).

Additionally, s. 29.008(1)(e), F.S. defines “security” as follows:

“Security” includes but is not limited to, all reasonable and necessary costs of services of *law enforcement officers or licensed security guards* and all electronic, cellular, or digital monitoring and screening devices necessary to ensure the safety and security of all persons visiting or working in a facility; to provide for security of the facility, including protection of property owned by the county or the state; and for security of prisoners brought to any facility. This includes bailiffs while providing courtroom and other security for each judge and other quasi-judicial officers.<sup>15</sup>

## **Sheriffs**

Sheriffs are constitutional county officers.<sup>16</sup> As a constitutional officer, a sheriff exercises independent authority and discretion in carrying out his or her various duties and in appointing

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<sup>15</sup> Emphasis added.

<sup>16</sup> FLA. CONST. art. VIII, s. (d).

and disciplining deputies.<sup>17</sup> The sheriff's duties include, among other things, conserving the county peace by suppressing riots and making arrests as necessary; and executing process on behalf of the Florida Supreme Court, circuit courts, county courts, and board of county commissioners in the sheriff's county.<sup>18</sup>

### ***Sheriffs' Courtroom Duties***

The sheriff is “the executive officer of the circuit court of the county.”<sup>19</sup> Accordingly, the sheriff or his or her deputies must execute all service of court process in both civil and criminal matters and attend all sessions of court.<sup>20</sup> In attending all sessions of court, the sheriff or his or her deputies serve as bailiffs and take charge of the jury, carry out service of process, keep order, and so forth. And it is the sheriff, not the chief judge, who appoints any deputy to serve as a bailiff in a courtroom.<sup>21</sup>

### ***Beyond the Courtroom: Security in other Court Facilities***

Although sheriffs and their deputies are required to serve as bailiffs in the courtrooms around the state, unless contracted to do so with the county government, the sheriffs are not constitutionally or statutorily required to take responsibility for the security of all court facilities. Rather, county governments are responsible to provide for and fund security for court facilities and, as set out in s. 29.008(1)(e), F.S., security may be provided by “law enforcement officers” such as municipal police officers,<sup>22</sup> or “licensed security guards.”

## **III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

This bill addresses the decision-making authority and responsibilities of two constitutional officers, the chief judge of a circuit court and the county sheriff, in providing court security. In a recent case before the Second District Court of Appeal, the court resolved the competing claims of authority and responsibility at issue in the case by holding that a chief circuit judge may require a sheriff in the circuit, because the sheriff is an officer of the court, to comply with the judge's order requiring the sheriff to provide security at court facilities.

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<sup>17</sup> See generally *Demings v. Orange County Citizens Review Bd.*, 15 So. 3d 604, 610–11 (Fla. 5th DCA 2009).

<sup>18</sup> See generally s. 30.15, F.S.

<sup>19</sup> Section 26.49, F.S. See also s. 34.07, F.S. (sheriff is executive officer of county courts).

<sup>20</sup> Section 30.15(1)(a)-(c), F.S.

<sup>21</sup> *State ex rel. Wainwright v. Booth*, 291 So. 2d 74, 76–77 (Fla. 2d DCA 1974), writ discharged sub nom. *Booth v. Wainwright*, 300 So. 2d 257 (Fla. 1974).

<sup>22</sup> Section 943.10(1), F.S. (“Law enforcement officer means any person who is elected, appointed, or employed full time by any municipality or the state or any political subdivision thereof; who is vested with authority to bear arms and make arrests; and whose primary responsibility is the prevention and detection of crime or the enforcement of the penal, criminal, traffic, or highway laws of the state”).

The bill is effective July 1, 2020.

**IV. Constitutional Issues:**

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

This bill does not require counties or municipalities to spend funds or limit their authority to raise revenue or receive state-shared revenues as specified in Art. VII, s. 18 of the Florida Constitution.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

D. State Tax or Fee Increases:

None.

E. Other Constitutional Issues:

None identified.

**V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The bill's "Government Sector" fiscal impact is indeterminate. As the primary funding source for the sheriffs, the county commissioners are required to assist in the development of the comprehensive security plan.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Statutes Affected:**

This bill substantially amends section 30.15 of the Florida Statutes.

**IX. Additional Information:**

**A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:**

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

**B. Amendments:**

None.

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This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.

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By Senator Gruters

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to security in trial court facilities;  
3           amending s. 30.15, F.S.; requiring sheriffs to  
4           coordinate with certain boards of county commissioners  
5           and chief judges to develop a comprehensive plan for  
6           security of trial court facilities; specifying that  
7           sheriffs and chief judges retain certain authorities;  
8           specifying that sheriffs and their deputies,  
9           employees, and contractors are officers of the court  
10          under specified circumstances; providing an effective  
11          date.

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

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15           Section 1. Subsection (4) is added to section 30.15,  
16 Florida Statutes, to read:

17           30.15 Powers, duties, and obligations.—

18           (4) (a) In accordance with each county's obligation under s.  
19 14, Art. V of the State Constitution and s. 29.008 to fund  
20 security for trial court facilities, the sheriff of each county  
21 shall coordinate with the board of county commissioners of that  
22 county and the chief judge of the circuit in which that county  
23 is located on the development of a comprehensive plan for the  
24 provision of security for trial court facilities. Each sheriff  
25 shall retain authority over the implementation and provision of  
26 law enforcement services associated with the plan. The chief  
27 judge of the circuit shall retain decision-making authority to  
28 ensure the protection of due process rights, including, but not  
29 limited to, the scheduling and conduct of trials and other

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30 judicial proceedings as part of his or her responsibility for  
31 the administrative supervision of trial courts under s. 43.26.

32 (b) Sheriffs and their deputies, employees, and contractors  
33 are officers of the court when providing security for trial  
34 court facilities under this subsection.

35 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.

**THE FLORIDA SENATE**  
**APPEARANCE RECORD**

(Deliver BOTH copies of this form to the Senator or Senate Professional Staff conducting the meeting)

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Representing Florida Sheriffs Association

Appearing at request of Chair:  Yes  No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

*While it is a Senate tradition to encourage public testimony, time may not permit all persons wishing to speak to be heard at this meeting. Those who do speak may be asked to limit their remarks so that as many persons as possible can be heard.*

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Appearing at request of Chair:  Yes  No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

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**BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

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Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice

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BILL: CS/SB 556

INTRODUCER: Criminal Justice Committee; and Senators Brandes, Perry, and Bracy

SUBJECT: Inmate Conditional Medical Release

DATE: January 21, 2020      REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Cox	Jones	CJ	Fav/CS
2.	Forbes	Jameson	ACJ	Pre-meeting
3.			AP	

**Please see Section IX. for Additional Information:**  
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE - Substantial Changes

**I. Summary:**

CS/SB 556 repeals section 947.149, Florida Statutes, which establishes the conditional medical release (CMR) program within the Florida Commission on Offender Review (FCOR) and creates section 945.0911, Florida Statutes, to establish a CMR program within the Department of Corrections (DOC) with the purpose of determining whether release is appropriate for eligible inmates, supervising the released inmates, and conducting revocation hearings.

The bill provides that an inmate is eligible for consideration for release under the CMR program when the inmate, because of an existing medical or physical condition, is determined by the DOC to be an:

- “Inmate with a debilitating illness,” which is defined to mean an inmate who is determined to be suffering from a significant terminal or nonterminal condition, disease, or syndrome that has rendered the inmate so physically or cognitively impaired, debilitated, or incapacitated as to create a reasonable probability that the inmate does not constitute a danger to herself or himself or to others.
- “Permanently incapacitated inmate,” which is defined to mean an inmate who has a condition caused by injury, disease, or illness which, to a reasonable degree of medical certainty, renders the inmate permanently and irreversibly physically incapacitated to the extent that the inmate does not constitute a danger to herself or himself or to others.
- “Terminally ill inmate,” which is defined to mean an inmate who has a condition caused by injury, disease, or illness that, to a reasonable degree of medical certainty, renders the inmate

terminally ill to the extent that there can be no recovery, death is expected within 12 months, and the inmate does not constitute a danger to herself or himself or to others.

As with current law, the bill requires the DOC to identify inmates who may be eligible for CMR based upon available medical information. However, rather than referring the case to the FCOR upon identification, the bill requires the DOC to conduct the entire determination process by referring the inmate to a three-member panel established in the new program for review and determination of release.

As is required in current law, the bill requires notice to be provided to certain victims immediately upon identification of the inmate as potentially eligible for release on CMR and the inmate's referral to the panel.

The bill requires the director of inmate health services to review specified evidence and provide a recommendation to the three-member panel, who must conduct a hearing within 45 days of the referral to determine whether CMR is appropriate for the inmate. A majority of the panel members must agree that release on CMR is appropriate for the inmate. An inmate who is approved for release on CMR must be released by the DOC to the community within a reasonable amount of time and is considered to be a medical releasee upon release to the community.

The bill creates a process for an inmate who is denied CMR by the three-member panel to have the decision reviewed. The secretary has the final decision about the appropriateness of the release on CMR. Additionally, an inmate who is denied CMR may be subsequently reconsidered for such release in a manner prescribed by rule.

The bill requires that an inmate granted release on CMR be released for a period equal to the length of time remaining on his or her term of imprisonment on the date the release is granted and the medical releasee is required to comply with all reasonable conditions of release the DOC imposes.

The bill provides that a medical releasee is considered to be in the care, custody, supervision, and control of the DOC and remains eligible to earn or lose gain-time in accordance with section 944.275, Florida Statutes, and department rule. However, the bill clarifies that the medical releasee may not be counted in the prison system population and the medical releasee's approved community-based housing location may not be counted in the capacity figures for the prison system.

The bill establishes a specific process for the revocation of CMR which closely parallels the current process provided for in section 947.141, Florida Statutes, and provides that revocation may be based on certain circumstances. The bill authorizes a medical releasee whose release is revoked to have the revocation decision reviewed and sets forth a specified process for such review.

The bill also requires the DOC to notify the family of an inmate who is diagnosed with a terminal condition within 72 hours and allow the family to visit the inmate within 7 days of such diagnosis.

The bill authorizes the DOC to adopt rules as necessary to implement the act.

The Criminal Justice Impact Conference (CJIC) has not reviewed the bill at this time. However, in part, the bill expands CMR by creating a new CMR designation and modifying a current designation. To the extent that the bill increases the number of inmates released on CMR, the bill will likely result in a negative indeterminate prison bed impact (i.e., an unquantifiable decrease in prison beds) and a reduction in the associated inmate healthcare costs.

The bill removes certain functions related to CMR from the FCOR and reestablishes the comparable duties within the DOC. As a result, the bill will likely result in a workload and cost shift from the FCOR to the DOC. See Section V. Fiscal Impact Statement.

The bill is effective October 1, 2020.

## II. Present Situation:

### Conditional Medical Release

Conditional Medical Release (CMR), outlined in s. 947.149, F.S., was created by the Florida Legislature in 1992,<sup>1</sup> as a discretionary release of inmates who are “terminally ill” or “permanently incapacitated” and who are not a danger to themselves or others.<sup>2</sup> The Florida Commission on Offender Review (FCOR), which consists of three members, reviews eligible inmates for release under the CMR program pursuant to the powers established in s. 947.13, F.S.<sup>3</sup> In part, s. 947.149, F.S., authorizes the FCOR to determine what persons will be released on CMR, establish the conditions of CMR, and determine whether a person has violated the conditions of CMR and take actions with respect to such a violation.

#### *Eligibility Criteria*

Eligible inmates include inmates designated by the DOC as a:

- “Permanently incapacitated inmate,” which is an inmate who has a condition caused by injury, disease, or illness which, to a reasonable degree of medical certainty, renders the inmate permanently and irreversibly physically incapacitated to the extent that the inmate does not constitute a danger to herself or himself or others; or
- “Terminally ill inmate,” which is an inmate who has a condition caused by injury, disease, or illness which, to a reasonable degree of medical certainty, renders the inmate terminally ill to the extent that there can be no recovery and death is imminent, so that the inmate does not constitute a danger to herself or himself or others.<sup>4</sup>

Inmates sentenced to death are ineligible for CMR.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Chapter 92-310, L.O.F.

<sup>2</sup> The FCOR, *Release Types, Post Release*, available at <https://www.fcor.state.fl.us/postrelease.shtml#conditionalMedicalRelease> (last visited November 6, 2019).

<sup>3</sup> Section 947.149(3), F.S. Section 947.01, F.S., provides that the membership of the FCOR is three-members.

<sup>4</sup> Section 947.149(1), F.S.

<sup>5</sup> Section 947.149(2), F.S.

### ***Referral Process for Eligible Inmates***

The DOC is required to identify inmates who may be eligible for CMR in accordance with the above-mentioned designations. The DOC uses available medical information as a basis for identifying eligible inmates and refers such inmates to the FCOR for consideration. In considering an inmate, the FCOR may require that additional medical evidence be produced or that additional medical examinations be conducted and may require other investigations to be made as it deems necessary.<sup>6</sup>

An inmate does not have a right to CMR or to a medical evaluation to determine eligibility for such release.<sup>7</sup> Additionally, the authority and whether or not to grant CMR and establish additional conditions of release rests solely within the discretion of the FCOR, together with the authority to approve the release plan to include necessary medical care and attention.<sup>8</sup>

Certain information must be provided to the FCOR from the DOC to be considered a referral, including:

- Clinical Report, including complete medical information justifying classification of the inmate as “permanently incapacitated” or “terminally ill;” and
- Verifiable release plan, to include necessary medical care and attention.<sup>9</sup>

The referral must be directed to the Office of the Commission Clerk who may docket the case before the FCOR. A decision will be made by a majority of the quorum present and voting.<sup>10</sup> The FCOR is required to approve or disapprove CMR based upon information submitted in support of the recommendation and review of the DOC file. If additional information is needed, the FCOR must continue the case for verification of the release plan, additional medical examinations, and other investigations as directed. The FCOR is required to instruct staff to conduct the appropriate investigation, which must include a written statement setting forth the specific information being requested.<sup>11</sup>

### ***Victim Input***

If a victim or his or her personal representative requests to be notified, the FCOR must provide victim notification of any hearing where the release of the inmate on CMR is considered prior to the inmate’s release.<sup>12</sup> Section 16 of the Florida Constitution provides specific rights to victims upon request:

- The right to be heard in any public proceeding involving pretrial or other release from any form of legal constraint, plea, sentencing, adjudication, or parole, and any proceeding during which a right of the victim is implicated.
- The right to be informed of all post-conviction processes and procedures, to participate in such processes and procedures, to provide information to the release authority to be

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<sup>6</sup> Section 947.149(3), F.S.

<sup>7</sup> Section 947.149(2), F.S.

<sup>8</sup> Section 947.149(3), F.S.

<sup>9</sup> Rule 23-24.020(1), F.A.C.

<sup>10</sup> Rule 23-24.020(2), F.A.C.

<sup>11</sup> Rule 23-24.020(3), F.A.C.

<sup>12</sup> Rule 23-24.020(4), F.A.C., further qualifies that this notification occurs when the name and address of such victim or representative of the victim is known by the FCOR.

considered before any release decision is made, and to be notified of any release decision regarding the offender. The parole or early release authority shall extend the right to be heard to any person harmed by the offender<sup>13</sup>. Additionally, Rule 23-24.025 of the Florida Administrative Code provides that a victim, relative of a minor who is a victim, relative of a homicide victim, or victim representative or victim advocate must receive advance notification any time a CMR case is placed on the docket for determination by the FCOR. Notification must be made to the address found in the police report or other criminal report or at a more current address if such has been provided to the FCOR.<sup>14</sup>

A victim of the crime committed by the inmate, or a victim's representative, must be permitted a reasonable time to make an oral statement or submit a written statement regarding whether the victim supports the granting, denying, or revoking of CMR.<sup>15</sup> Additionally, other interested parties may also speak on behalf of victims since the FCOR meetings are public meetings.<sup>16</sup> A victim can also request that the FCOR provide notification of the action taken if he or she does not choose to appear at meetings or make a written statement.<sup>17</sup>

In 2018, the Florida voters approved Amendment 6 on the ballot, which provided certain rights to victims in the Florida Constitution. In part, Art. 1, s. 16, of the Florida Constitution, provides that a victim must have the following rights upon request:

- Reasonable, accurate, and timely notice of, and to be present at, all public proceedings involving the criminal conduct, including, but not limited to, trial, plea, sentencing, or adjudication, even if the victim will be a witness at the proceeding, notwithstanding any rule to the contrary.
- To be heard in any public proceeding involving pretrial or other release from any form of legal constraint, plea, sentencing, adjudication, or parole, and any proceeding during which a right of the victim is implicated.
- To be informed of the conviction, sentence, adjudication, place and time of incarceration, or other disposition of the convicted offender, any scheduled release date of the offender, and the release of or the escape of the offender from custody.
- To be informed of all postconviction processes and procedures, to participate in such processes and procedures, to provide information to the release authority to be considered before any release decision is made, and to be notified of any release decision regarding the offender.<sup>18</sup>

### ***Release Conditions***

The release of an inmate on CMR is for the remainder of the inmate's sentence and requires periodic medical evaluations at intervals determined by the FCOR at the time of release.<sup>19</sup> An

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<sup>13</sup> The FCOR, CS/SB Agency Analysis, at p. 2 (January 17, 2020).

<sup>14</sup> Rule 23-24.025(1), F.A.C.

<sup>15</sup> Rule 23-24.025(2) and (3), F.A.C. See Rule 23-24.025(4), F.A.C., regarding specifics about what is allowed to be submitted or utilized during oral testimony. Rule 23-24.025(7), F.A.C., provides that victims who appear and speak must be advised that any information submitted at FCOR meetings becomes public record.

<sup>16</sup> Rule 23-24.025(3), F.A.C.

<sup>17</sup> Rule 23-24.025(5), F.A.C.

<sup>18</sup> Art. 1, s. 16(b6)a., b., f., and g., FLA. CONST.

<sup>19</sup> Section 947.149(4), F.S.

inmate who has been approved for release on CMR is considered a medical releasee when released.

Each medical releasee must be placed on CMR supervision and is subject to the standard conditions of CMR, which include:

- Promptly proceeding to the residence upon being released and immediately reporting by mail, telephone, or personal visit as instructed by the CMR officer or within 72 hours of release if no specific report date and time are given.
- Securing the permission of the CMR officer before:
  - Changing residences;
  - Leaving the county or the state; and
  - Posting bail or accepting pretrial release if arrested for a felony.
- Submitting a full and truthful report to the CMR officer each month in writing and as directed by the CMR supervisor.
- Refraining from:
  - Owning, carrying, possessing, or having in his or her constructive possession a firearm or ammunition;
  - Using or possessing alcohol or intoxicants of any kind;
  - Using or possessing narcotics, drugs, or marijuana unless prescribed by a physician;
  - Entering any business establishment whose primary purpose is the sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages; and
  - Knowingly associating with any person engaging in criminal activity, a criminal gang member, or person associated with criminal gang members.
- Securing the permission of the CMR officer before owning, carrying, or having in his or her constructive possession a knife or any other weapon.
- Obeying all laws, ordinances, and statutory conditions of CMR.
- Submitting to a reasonable search of the medical releasee's person, residence, or automobile by a CMR officer.
- Waiving extradition back to Florida if the medical releasee is alleged to have violated CMR.
- Permitting the CMR officer to visit the medical releasee's residence, employment, or elsewhere.
- Promptly and truthfully answering all questions and following all instructions asked or given by the CMR officer or the FCOR.
- Remaining on CMR for the remainder of the sentence without diminution of such sentence for good behavior.
- Agreeing to submit to random drug or alcohol testing, to be paid for and submitted by the medical releasee, as directed by the CMR officer or the professional staff of any treatment center where treatment is being received.
- Executing and providing authorizations to release records to the CMR supervisor and the FCOR for the purpose of monitoring and documenting the medical releasee's progress.
- Agreeing that, in the event there is an improvement in the medical releasee's medical condition to the extent that he or she is no longer "permanently incapacitated," or "terminally ill," that he or she will, if directed to do so, report for a CMR revocation hearing.<sup>20</sup>

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<sup>20</sup> Rule 23-24.030(1), F.A.C.

Additionally, the FCOR can impose special conditions of conditional medical release.<sup>21</sup>

### ***Revocation and Recommitment***

In part, s. 947.141, F.S., provides for the revocation and recommitment of a medical releasee who appears to be subject to CMR revocation proceedings, including establishing a hearing process and determining whether a medical releasee must be recommitted to the DOC. CMR supervision can be revoked and the offender returned to prison if the FCOR determines:

- That a violation of any condition of the release has occurred; or
- His or her medical or physical condition improves to the point that the offender no longer meets the CMR criteria.<sup>22</sup>

### **Revocation Due to Improved Medical or Physical Condition**

If it is discovered during the CMR release that the medical or physical condition of the medical releasee has improved to the extent that she or he would no longer be eligible for such release, the FCOR may order that the medical releasee be returned to the custody of the DOC for a revocation hearing, in accordance with s. 947.141, F.S. A medical releasee who has his or her CMR revoked due to improvement in medical or physical condition must serve the balance of the sentence with credit for the time served on CMR, but does not forfeit any gain-time accrued prior to release on CMR.<sup>23</sup>

### **Revocation Due to Violation of CMR Conditions**

When there are reasonable grounds to believe that a medical releasee who is on CMR has violated the conditions of the release in a material respect the FCOR is authorized to have a warrant issued for the arrest of the medical releasee. A warrant must be issued if the medical releasee was found to be a sexual predator.<sup>24</sup> Further, if a law enforcement officer has probable cause to believe that a medical releasee who is on CMR supervision has violated the terms and conditions of his or her release by committing a felony offense then the officer must arrest the medical releasee without a warrant and a warrant need not be issued in the case.<sup>25</sup>

A medical releasee who is arrested for a felony must be detained without bond until the initial appearance of the medical releasee at which a judicial determination of probable cause is made. The medical releasee may be released if the trial court judge does not find probable cause existed for the arrest. However, if the court makes a finding of probable cause, such determination also constitutes reasonable grounds to believe that the medical releasee violated the conditions of the CMR release and the chief county correctional officer must notify the FCOR and the DOC of the finding within 24 hours.<sup>26</sup> The medical releasee must continue to be detained without bond for a

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<sup>21</sup> Rule 23-24.030(2), F.A.C.

<sup>22</sup> Section 947.149(5), F.S.

<sup>23</sup> Section 947.149(5)(a), F.S. Additionally, if the person whose CMR is revoked due to an improvement in medical or physical condition would otherwise be eligible for parole or any other release program, the person may be considered for such release program pursuant to law.

<sup>24</sup> Section 947.141(1), F.S.

<sup>25</sup> Section 947.141(7), F.S.

<sup>26</sup> Section 947.141(2), F.S., further states that the chief county detention officer must transmit to the FCOR and the DOC a facsimile copy of the probable cause affidavit or the sworn offense report upon which the trial court judge's probable cause determination is based.

period not more than 72 hours excluding weekends and holidays after the date of the probable cause determination, pending a decision by the FCOR whether to issue a warrant charging the medical releasee with violation of the conditions of CMR. If the FCOR issues such warrant, the medical releasee must continue to be held in custody pending a revocation hearing.<sup>27</sup>

### Revocation Hearing

The medical releasee must be afforded a hearing which is conducted by a commissioner or a duly authorized representative within 45 days after notice to the FCOR of the arrest of a medical releasee charged with a violation of the terms and conditions of CMR. If the medical releasee elects to proceed with a hearing, the medical releasee must be informed orally and in writing of certain rights, including the medical releasee's:

- Alleged violation; and
- Right to:
  - Be represented by counsel.
  - Be heard in person.
  - Secure, present, and compel the attendance of witnesses relevant to the proceeding.
  - Produce documents on his or her own behalf.
  - Access all evidence used against the releasee and confront and cross-examine adverse witnesses.
  - Waive the hearing.<sup>28</sup>

The commissioner who conducts the hearing is required to make findings of fact in regard to the alleged violation within a reasonable time following the hearing and at least two commissioners must enter an order determining whether the charge of violation of CMR has been sustained based upon the findings of fact presented by the hearing commissioner or authorized representative. The panel may revoke CMR, thereby returning the medical releasee to prison to serve the sentence imposed; reinstate the original order granting the release; or enter such other order as it considers proper.<sup>29</sup>

If CMR is revoked and the medical releasee is ordered to be returned to prison, the medical releasee is deemed to have forfeited all gain-time or commutation of time for good conduct earned up to the date of release. However, if CMR is revoked due to the improved medical or physical condition of the medical releasee, the medical releasee does not forfeit gain-time accrued before the date of CMR.<sup>30</sup> Gain-time or commutation of time for good conduct may be earned from the date of return to prison.

### *Statistics*

The FCOR has approved and released 73 inmates for CMR in the last three fiscal years, including:

- 38 in FY 2018-19;
- 21 in FY 2017-2018; and

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<sup>27</sup> *Id.*

<sup>28</sup> Section 947.141(3), F.S.

<sup>29</sup> Section 947.141(4), F.S.

<sup>30</sup> Section 947.141(6), F.S.

- 14 in FY 2016-2017.<sup>31</sup>

The DOC has recommended 149 inmates for release in the past three fiscal years, including:

- 76 in FY 2018-19;
- 39 in FY 2017-2018; and
- 34 in FY 2016-2017.<sup>32</sup>

Currently, the DOC's only role in the CMR process is to make the initial designation of medical eligibility and to refer the inmate's case to the FCOR for an investigation and final decision.

### **Gain-time**

Gain-time awards, which result in deductions to the court-ordered sentences of specified eligible inmates, are used to encourage satisfactory prisoner behavior or to provide incentives for prisoners to participate in productive activities while incarcerated.<sup>33</sup> An inmate is not eligible to earn or receive gain-time in an amount that results in his or her release prior to serving a minimum of 85 percent of the sentence imposed.<sup>34</sup>

Basic gain-time, which automatically reduced an inmate's sentence by a designated amount each month, was eliminated for offenses committed on or after January 1, 1994.<sup>35</sup> The only forms of gain-time that can currently be earned are:

- Incentive gain-time;<sup>36</sup>
- Meritorious gain-time;<sup>37</sup> and
- Educational achievement gain-time.<sup>38</sup>

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<sup>31</sup> Emails from Alexander Yarger, Legislative Affairs Director, Florida Commission on Offender Review, RE: Conditional Medical Release Data and RE: Updated Conditional Medical Release Numbers (attachments on file with the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice) (December 15, 2017 and November 1, 2019, respectively). *See also* FCOR Annual Report FY 2017-18, p. 8, available at <https://www.fcor.state.fl.us/docs/reports/Annual%20Report%202018%20WEB.pdf> (last visited November 6, 2019).

<sup>32</sup> *Id.*

<sup>33</sup> Section 944.275(1), F.S. Section 944.275(4)(f), F.S., further provides that an inmate serving a life sentence is not able to earn gain-time. Additionally, an inmate serving the portion of his or her sentence that is included in an imposed mandatory minimum sentence or whose tentative release date is the same date as he or she achieves service of 85 percent of the sentence are not eligible to earn gain-time. Section 944.275(4)(e), F.S., also prohibits inmates committed to the DOC for specified sexual offenses committed on or after October 1, 2014, from earning incentive gain-time.

<sup>34</sup> Section 944.275(4)(f), F.S.

<sup>35</sup> Chapter 93-406, L.O.F.

<sup>36</sup> Section 944.275(4)(b), F.S., provides that incentive gain-time is a total of up to ten days per month that may be awarded to inmates for institutional adjustment, performing work in a diligent manner, and actively participating in training and programs. The amount an inmate can earn is stable throughout the term of imprisonment and is based upon the date an offense was committed.

<sup>37</sup> Section 944.275(4)(c), F.S., provides that meritorious gain-time is awarded to an inmate who commits an outstanding deed or whose performance warrants additional credit, such as saving a life or assisting in recapturing an escaped inmate. The award may range from one day to 60 days and the statute does not prohibit an inmate from earning meritorious gain-time on multiple occasions if warranted.

<sup>38</sup> Section 944.275(4)(d), F.S., provides that educational gain-time is a one-time award of 60 days that is granted to an inmate who receives a General Education Development (GED) diploma or a certificate for completion of a vocational program.

The procedure for applying gain-time awards to an inmate's sentence is dependent upon the calculation of a "maximum sentence expiration date" and a "tentative release date." The tentative release date may not be later than the maximum sentence expiration date.<sup>39</sup> The maximum sentence expiration date represents the date when the sentence or combined sentences imposed on a prisoner will expire. To calculate the maximum sentence expiration date, the DOC reduces the total time to be served by any time lawfully credited.<sup>40</sup>

The tentative release is the date projected for the prisoner's release from custody after gain-time is granted or forfeited in accordance with s. 944.275, F.S.<sup>41</sup> Gain-time is applied when granted or restored to make the tentative release date proportionately earlier; and forfeitures of gain-time, when ordered, are applied to make the tentative release date proportionately later.<sup>42</sup>

The DOC is authorized in certain circumstances, including when a medical releasee has his or her CMR release revoked, to declare all gain-time earned by an inmate forfeited.<sup>43</sup>

### **Federal First Step Act**

In December, 2018, the United States Congress passed, and President Trump signed into law, the "Formerly Incarcerated Reenter Society Transformed Safely Transitioning Every Person Act" or the "FIRST STEP Act" (First Step Act).<sup>44</sup> The law makes a number of changes to the federal criminal justice system and procedures applicable to inmates in the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP), including, in part, modifying provisions related to compassionate release to:

- Require inmates be informed of reduction in sentence availability and process;
- Modify the definition of "terminally ill;"
- Require notice and assistance for terminally ill offenders;
- Require requests from terminally ill offenders to be processed within 14 days.<sup>45</sup>

Specifically, in the case of a diagnosis of a terminal illness, the BOP is required to, subject to confidentiality requirements:

- Notify the defendant's attorney, partner, and family members, not later than 72 hours after the diagnosis, of the defendant's diagnosis of a terminal condition and inform the defendant's attorney, partner, and family members that they may prepare and submit on the defendant's behalf a request for a sentence reduction;
- Provide the defendant's partner and family members, including extended family, with an opportunity to visit the defendant in person not later than 7 days after the date of the diagnosis;

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<sup>39</sup> Section 944.275(3)(c), F.S.

<sup>40</sup> Section 944.275(2)(a), F.S.

<sup>41</sup> Section 944.275(3)(a), F.S.

<sup>42</sup> *Id.* See also s. 944.275(4)(b), F.S.

<sup>43</sup> Section 944.28(1), F.S.

<sup>44</sup> The First Step Act of 2018, Pub. L. No. 115-391 (2018).

<sup>45</sup> Section 603(b) of the First Step Act, codified at 18 USC § 3582. See also U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Prisons, *Compassionate Release/Reduction in Sentence: Procedures for Implementation of 18 U.S.C. Section 3582 and 4205(g)*, January 17, 2019, p. 3-4, available at [https://www.bop.gov/policy/progstat/5050\\_050\\_EN.pdf](https://www.bop.gov/policy/progstat/5050_050_EN.pdf) (last visited November 12, 2019).

- Upon request from the defendant or his attorney, partner, or a family member, ensure that BOP employees assist the defendant in the preparation, drafting, and submission of a request for a sentence reduction; and
- Process a request for sentence reduction submitted on the defendant's behalf by the defendant or the defendant's attorney, partner, or family member not later than 14 days from receipt of a request.<sup>46</sup>

The statutory time frames mentioned above begin once the Clinical Director of an institution makes a terminal diagnosis. Once the diagnosis is made, the Clinical Director will inform the Warden and the appropriate Unit Manager as soon as possible so as to ensure requirements are met.<sup>47</sup>

### III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The bill repeals s. 947.149, F.S., which establishes the CMR program within the FCOR and creates s. 945.0911, F.S., to establish a CMR program within the DOC with the purpose of:

- Determining whether release is appropriate for eligible inmates;
- Supervising the released inmates; and
- Conducting revocation hearings.

The CMR program established within the DOC retains similarities to the program currently in existence within the FCOR, including that the CMR program must include a panel of at least three people. The members of the panel are appointed by the secretary or his or her designee for the purpose of determining the appropriateness of CMR and conducting revocation hearings on the inmate releases.

#### Eligibility Criteria

The bill provides that an inmate is eligible for consideration for release under the CMR program when the inmate, because of an existing medical or physical condition, is determined by the DOC to be an inmate with a debilitating illness, a permanently incapacitated inmate, or a terminally ill inmate. The bill provides definitions for such terms, including:

- "Inmate with a debilitating illness," which means an inmate who is determined to be suffering from a significant terminal or nonterminal condition, disease, or syndrome that has rendered the inmate so physically or cognitively impaired, debilitated, or incapacitated as to create a reasonable probability that the inmate does not constitute a danger to herself or himself or to others.
- "Permanently incapacitated inmate," which means an inmate who has a condition caused by injury, disease, or illness which, to a reasonable degree of medical certainty, renders the inmate permanently and irreversibly physically incapacitated to the extent that the inmate does not constitute a danger to herself or himself or to others.
- "Terminally ill inmate," which means an inmate who has a condition caused by injury, disease, or illness that, to a reasonable degree of medical certainty, renders the inmate

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<sup>46</sup> *Id.*

<sup>47</sup> *Id.*

terminally ill to the extent that there can be no recovery, death is expected within 12 months, and the inmate does not constitute a danger to herself or himself or to others.

### **Referral Process**

The bill requires that any inmate in the custody of the DOC who meets one or more of the eligibility requirements must be considered for CMR. However, the authority to grant CMR rests solely with the DOC, as it currently does with the FCOR. Additionally, the bill provides that an inmate does not have a right to release or to a medical evaluation to determine eligibility for release on CMR pursuant to s. 945.0911, F.S.

The bill requires the DOC to identify inmates who may be eligible for CMR based upon available medical information and authorizes the DOC to require additional medical evidence, including examinations of the inmate, or any other additional investigations it deems necessary for determining the appropriateness of the eligible inmate's release.

Upon an inmate's identification as potentially eligible for release on CMR, the DOC must refer such inmate to the three-member panel described above for review and determination of release.

The bill requires the DOC to provide notice to a victim of the inmate's referral to the panel immediately upon identification of the inmate as potentially eligible for release on CMR if the case that resulted in the inmate's commitment to the DOC involved a victim and such victim specifically requested notification pursuant to Art. 1, s. 16, of the Florida Constitution. Additionally, the victim must be afforded the right to be heard regarding the release of the inmate.

### **Determination of Release**

The bill requires the three-member panel established in s. 945.0911(1), F.S., to conduct a hearing within 45 days after receiving the referral to determine whether CMR is appropriate for the inmate. Before the hearing, the director of inmate health services or his or her designee must review any relevant information, including, but not limited to, medical evidence, and provide the panel with a recommendation regarding the appropriateness of releasing the inmate on CMR. A majority of the panel members must agree that release on CMR is appropriate for the inmate. If CMR is approved, the inmate must be released by the DOC to the community within a reasonable amount of time with necessary release conditions imposed.

The bill provides that an inmate who is granted CMR is considered a medical releasee upon release to the community.

An inmate who is denied CMR by the three-member panel is able to have the decision reviewed. The bill provides that the DOC's general counsel and chief medical officer must review the decision of the three-member panel and make a recommendation to the secretary. The secretary must review all relevant information and make a final decision about the appropriateness of the release on CMR. The bill provides that the appeal decision of the secretary is a final administrative decision not subject to appeal.

Additionally, an inmate who is denied CMR may be subsequently reconsidered for such release in a manner prescribed by department rule.

### **Release Conditions**

The bill requires that an inmate granted release on CMR be released for a period equal to the length of time remaining on his or her term of imprisonment on the date the release is granted. The medical releasee is required to comply with all reasonable conditions of release the DOC imposes, which must include, at a minimum:

- Periodic medical evaluations at intervals determined by the DOC at the time of release.
- Supervision by an officer trained to handle special offender caseloads.
- Active electronic monitoring, if such monitoring is determined to be necessary to ensure the safety of the public and the releasee's compliance with release conditions.
- Any conditions of community control provided for in s. 948.101, F.S.<sup>48</sup>
- Any other conditions the DOC deems appropriate to ensure the safety of the community and compliance by the medical releasee.

The bill provides that a medical releasee is considered to be in the care, custody, supervision, and control of the DOC and remains eligible to earn or lose gain-time in accordance with s. 944.275, F.S., and department rule. However, the bill clarifies that the medical releasee may not be counted in the prison system population, and the medical releasee's approved community-based housing location may not be counted in the capacity figures for the prison system.

### **Revocation of CMR Release and Recommitment to the DOC**

The bill establishes a process for the revocation of CMR that very closely parallels current law and for which may be based on two circumstances, including the:

- Discovery that the medical or physical condition of the medical releasee has improved to the extent that she or he would no longer be eligible for release on CMR; or
- Violation of any release conditions the DOC establishes, including, but not limited to, a new violation of law.

#### ***Revocation Based on Medical or Physical Improvement***

When the basis of the revocation proceedings are based on an improved medical or physical condition of the medical releasee, the bill authorizes the DOC to:

- Order that the medical releasee be returned to the custody of the DOC for a CMR revocation hearing, as prescribed by rule; or
- Allow the medical releasee to remain in the community pending the revocation hearing.

The revocation hearing must be conducted by the three-member panel discussed above and a majority of the panel members must agree that revocation is appropriate for the medical releasee's conditional medical release to be revoked. The bill requires the director of inmate

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<sup>48</sup> Some examples on community control conditions required under s. 948.101, F.S., include to maintain specified contact with the parole and probation officer; confinement to an agreed-upon residence during hours away from employment and public service activities; mandatory public service; and supervision by the DOC by means of an electronic monitoring device or system.

health services or his or her designee to review any medical evidence pertaining to the medical releasee and provide the panel with a recommendation regarding the medical releasee's improvement and current medical or physical condition.

A medical releasee whose CMR was revoked due to improvement in his or her medical or physical condition must be recommitted to the DOC to serve the balance of his or her sentence with credit for the time served on CMR and without forfeiture of any gain-time accrued before recommitment. If the medical releasee whose CMR is revoked due to an improvement in her or his medical or physical condition would otherwise be eligible for parole or any other release program, the medical releasee may be considered for such release program pursuant to law.

### ***Revocation Based on Violation of Conditions***

The bill provides that CMR may also be revoked for violation of any release conditions the DOC establishes, including, but not limited to, a new violation of law. In contrast to when a revocation is based on improved medical or physical condition, if the basis of the violation of release conditions is related to a new violation of law, the medical releasee must be detained without bond until his or her initial appearance at which a judicial determination of probable cause is made.

If the judge determines that there was no probable cause for the arrest, the medical releasee may be released. If the judge determines that there was probable cause for the arrest, the judge's probable cause determination also constitutes reasonable grounds to believe that the medical releasee violated the conditions of the CMR release.

The bill requires the DOC to order that the medical releasee subject to revocation for a violation of conditions be returned to the custody of the DOC for a CMR revocation hearing as prescribed by rule. A majority of the panel members must agree that revocation is appropriate for the medical releasee's CMR to be revoked.

The bill provides that a medical releasee who has his or her CMR revoked due to a violation of conditions must serve the balance of his or her sentence with credit for the actual time served on CMR. Additionally, the medical releasee's gain-time accrued before recommitment may be forfeited pursuant to s. 944.28(1), F.S. If the medical releasee whose CMR is revoked would otherwise be eligible for parole or any other release program, he or she may be considered for such release program pursuant to law.

### ***Revocation Hearing Process***

If the medical releasee subject to revocation for either basis elects to proceed with a hearing, the medical releasee must be informed orally and in writing of certain rights, including the releasee's:

- Alleged basis for the pending revocation proceeding against the releasee.
- Right to:
  - Be represented by counsel.<sup>49</sup>
  - Be heard in person.

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<sup>49</sup> However, this bill explicitly provides that this does not create a right to publicly funded legal counsel.

- Secure, present, and compel the attendance of witnesses relevant to the proceeding.
- Produce documents on his or her own behalf.
- Access all evidence used to support the revocation proceeding against the releasee and confront and cross-examine adverse witnesses.
- Waive the hearing.

### ***Review Process of Revocation Determination***

The bill authorizes a medical releasee whose release is revoked based on either basis to have the revocation decision reviewed. The bill requires the DOC's general counsel to review the revocation decision and make a recommendation to the secretary. The secretary must review all relevant information and make a final decision about the appropriateness of the revocation of CMR. In addition to the review by the general counsel, the chief medical officer must also review the revocation decision and make a recommendation to the secretary when the basis is due to an improved medical or physical condition.

The bill provides that any decision of the secretary related to a revocation decision is a final administrative decision not subject to appeal.

### **Special Requirements of the DOC Related to Terminal Inmate's**

The bill also implements provisions similar to those provided for in federal law related to compassionate release of inmate's that have been diagnosed with a terminal illness. The bill requires the DOC to, subject to confidentiality requirements, follow the following procedures related to an inmate who is diagnosed with a terminal medical condition that makes him or her eligible for consideration for release under the "terminally ill" definition discussed above while in the custody of the DOC:

- Notify the inmate's family or next of kin, and attorney, if applicable, of such diagnosis within 72 hours of the diagnosis.
- Provide the inmate's family, including extended family, with an opportunity to visit the inmate in person within seven days upon such diagnosis.
- Initiate a review for CMR immediately upon such diagnosis.

Additionally, the bill provides that an inmate who has mental and physical capacity must consent to release of confidential information for the DOC to comply with these notification requirements.

The bill authorizes the DOC to adopt rules as necessary to implement the act.

The bill amends ss. 316.1935, 775.084, 775.087, 784.07, 790.235, 794.0115, 893.135, 921.0024, 944.605, 944.70, 947.13, and 947.141, F.S., conforming these provisions to changes made by the act.

The bill is effective October 1, 2020.

**IV. Constitutional Issues:**

## A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

## B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

## C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

## D. State Tax or Fee Increases:

None.

## E. Other Constitutional Issues:

None Identified.

**V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**

## A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

## B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

## C. Government Sector Impact:

The Criminal Justice Impact Conference (CJIC) has not reviewed the bill at this time. However, the CJIC heard SB 1334 (2019), which expanded the definitions of CMR eligibility in a manner similar to the bill and the CJIC found that this expansion would result in a negative significant prison bed impact (i.e. a decrease of more than 25 prison beds).<sup>50</sup> Additionally, the bill will likely result in a reduction in the associated inmate healthcare costs.<sup>51</sup>

The bill removes any role of determining the appropriateness of an inmate's release on CMR from the FCOR and places such comparable duties within the DOC. In Fiscal Year

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<sup>50</sup> The CJIC, *Impact Conference Results for CS/SB 1334 (2019)*, available at <http://edr.state.fl.us/Content/conferences/criminaljusticeimpact/CSSB1334.pdf> (last visited November 6, 2019).

<sup>51</sup> According to the DOC via telephone call on January 16, 2020, when an inmate is released from prison, the department no longer has any liability for their health care. However, they did note in their bill analysis that, "If by considering an inmate to be in the "care" of the Department their healthcare is fiscally provided by FDC, contractual arrangements and funding would be required." The DOC CS/SB 556 Analysis, p.3 (January 17, 2020).

2018-2019, FCOR conducted 84 CMR determinations. They report that they spent 804 hours on the investigation/determination, 64 hours on victim assistance, and 433 hours on revocations for CMR. The FCOR reports that this equates to less than 1 FTE.<sup>52</sup> The DOC anticipates there will be a fiscal impact associated with the establishment of positions for the hearing panel and administrative staff, but was unable to specify the amount.<sup>53</sup>

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Statutes Affected:**

The bill creates section 945.0911 of the Florida Statutes.

The bill repeals section 947.149 of the Florida Statutes.

The bill amends the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 316.1935, 775.084, 775.087, 784.07, 790.235, 794.0115, 893.135, 921.0024, 944.605, 944.70, 947.13, and 947.141.

**IX. Additional Information:**

**A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:**

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

**CS by Criminal Justice on November 12, 2019:**

The committee substitute:

- Requires the DOC to:
  - Notify the family of an inmate who has been diagnosed with a terminal condition of such diagnosis within 72 hours;
  - Allow the family of an inmate who has been diagnosed with a terminal condition to have a visit with the inmate within 7 days of such diagnosis; and
  - Immediately begin the referral process for the conditional medical release review upon an inmate's diagnosis of a terminal condition.
- Ensures that the rights provided to medical releasee's during revocation hearing proceedings are afforded to a medical releasee regardless of the basis for the revocation hearing.
- Makes technical changes, including, in part, ensuring consistency with the terms used to describe an inmate who has been approved for conditional medical release and released into the community.

<sup>52</sup> The FCOR, CS/SB 556 Agency Bill Analysis, p. 5 (October 24, 2019).

<sup>53</sup> The DOC, CS/SB 556 Agency Bill Analysis, p. 5 (January 17, 2020).

B. Amendments:

None.

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This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.

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**By** the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senators Brandes,  
Perry, and Bracy

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to inmate conditional medical release;  
3       creating s. 945.0911, F.S.; establishing the  
4       conditional medical release program within the  
5       Department of Corrections; establishing a panel to  
6       consider specified matters; defining terms; providing  
7       for program eligibility; requiring any inmate who  
8       meets certain criteria to be considered for  
9       conditional medical release; providing that the inmate  
10      does not have a right to release or to a certain  
11      medical evaluation; requiring the department to  
12      identify eligible inmates; requiring the department to  
13      refer an inmate to the panel for consideration;  
14      providing for victim notification in certain  
15      circumstances; requiring the panel to conduct a  
16      hearing within a specified timeframe; specifying  
17      requirements for the hearing; providing a review  
18      process for an inmate who is denied release; providing  
19      conditions for release; providing that an inmate who  
20      is approved for conditional medical release must be  
21      released from the department in a reasonable amount of  
22      time; providing that an inmate is considered a medical  
23      releasee upon release from the department into the  
24      community; providing that a medical releasee remains  
25      in the care, custody, supervision, and control of the  
26      department and is eligible to earn or lose gain-time;  
27      prohibiting a medical releasee or his or her  
28      community-based housing from being counted in the  
29      prison system population and the prison capacity

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30 figures, respectively; providing for the revocation of  
31 a medical releasee's conditional medical release;  
32 authorizing the medical releasee to be returned to the  
33 department's custody if his or her medical or physical  
34 condition improves; requiring a majority of the panel  
35 members to agree on the appropriateness of revocation;  
36 providing that gain-time is not forfeited for  
37 revocation based on improvement in the medical  
38 releasee's condition; providing a review process for a  
39 medical releasee who has his or her release revoked;  
40 authorizing the medical releasee to be recommitted if  
41 he or she violates any conditions of the release;  
42 requiring that the medical releasee be detained if a  
43 violation is based on certain circumstances; requiring  
44 that a majority of the panel members agree on the  
45 appropriateness of revocation; requiring specified  
46 medical releasees to be recommitted to the department  
47 upon the revocation of the conditional medical  
48 release; authorizing the forfeiture of gain-time if  
49 the revocation is based on certain violations;  
50 providing a review process for a medical releasee who  
51 has his or her release revoked; requiring that the  
52 medical releasee be given specified information in  
53 certain instances; requiring the department to notify  
54 certain persons within a specified time frame of an  
55 inmate's diagnosis of a terminal medical condition;  
56 requiring the department to allow a visit between an  
57 inmate and certain persons within 7 days of a  
58 diagnosis of a terminal medical condition; requiring

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59 the department to initiate the conditional medical  
60 release review process immediately upon an inmate's  
61 diagnosis of a terminal medical condition; requiring  
62 the inmate to consent to release of information in  
63 certain circumstances; providing rulemaking authority;  
64 repealing s. 947.149, F.S., relating to conditional  
65 medical release; amending ss. 316.1935, 775.084,  
66 775.087, 784.07, 790.235, 794.0115, 893.135, 921.0024,  
67 944.605, 944.70, 947.13, and 947.141, F.S.; conforming  
68 cross-references to changes made by the act; providing  
69 an effective date.

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

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73 Section 1. Section 945.0911, Florida Statutes, is created  
74 to read:

75 945.0911 Conditional medical release.-

76 (1) CREATION.-There is established a conditional medical  
77 release program within the department for the purpose of  
78 determining whether release is appropriate for eligible inmates,  
79 supervising the released inmates, and conducting revocation  
80 hearings as provided for in this section. The establishment of  
81 the conditional medical release program must include a panel of  
82 at least three people appointed by the secretary or his or her  
83 designee for the purpose of determining the appropriateness of  
84 conditional medical release and conducting revocation hearings  
85 on the inmate releases.

86 (2) DEFINITIONS.-As used in this section, the term:

87 (a) "Inmate with a debilitating illness" means an inmate

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88 who is determined to be suffering from a significant terminal or  
89 nonterminal condition, disease, or syndrome that has rendered  
90 the inmate so physically or cognitively impaired, debilitated,  
91 or incapacitated as to create a reasonable probability that the  
92 inmate does not constitute a danger to himself or herself to  
93 others.

94 (b) "Permanently incapacitated inmate" means an inmate who  
95 has a condition caused by injury, disease, or illness which, to  
96 a reasonable degree of medical certainty, renders the inmate  
97 permanently and irreversibly physically incapacitated to the  
98 extent that the inmate does not constitute a danger to himself  
99 or herself or to others.

100 (c) "Terminally ill inmate" means an inmate who has a  
101 condition caused by injury, disease, or illness that, to a  
102 reasonable degree of medical certainty, renders the inmate  
103 terminally ill to the extent that there can be no recovery,  
104 death is expected within 12 months, and the inmate does not  
105 constitute a danger to himself or herself or to others.

106 (3) ELIGIBILITY.—An inmate is eligible for consideration  
107 for release under the conditional medical release program when  
108 the inmate, because of an existing medical or physical  
109 condition, is determined by the department to be an inmate with  
110 a debilitating illness, a permanently incapacitated inmate, or a  
111 terminally ill inmate.

112 (4) REFERRAL FOR CONSIDERATION.—

113 (a)1. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, any  
114 inmate in the custody of the department who meets one or more of  
115 the eligibility requirements under subsection (3) must be  
116 considered for conditional medical release.

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117 2. The authority to grant conditional medical release rests  
118 solely with the department. An inmate does not have a right to  
119 release or to a medical evaluation to determine eligibility for  
120 release pursuant to this section.

121 (b) The department must identify inmates who may be  
122 eligible for conditional medical release based upon available  
123 medical information. In considering an inmate for conditional  
124 medical release, the department may require additional medical  
125 evidence, including examinations of the inmate, or any other  
126 additional investigations the department deems necessary for  
127 determining the appropriateness of the eligible inmate's  
128 release.

129 (c) The department must refer an inmate to the panel  
130 established under subsection (1) for review and determination of  
131 conditional medical release upon his or her identification as  
132 potentially eligible for release pursuant to this section.

133 (d) If the case that resulted in the inmate's commitment to  
134 the department involved a victim, and the victim specifically  
135 requested notification pursuant to s. 16, Art. I of the State  
136 Constitution, the department must notify the victim of the  
137 inmate's referral to the panel immediately upon identification  
138 of the inmate as potentially eligible for release under this  
139 section. Additionally, the victim must be afforded the right to  
140 be heard regarding the release of the inmate.

141 (5) DETERMINATION OF RELEASE.—

142 (a) Within 45 days after receiving the referral, the panel  
143 established in subsection (1) must conduct a hearing to  
144 determine whether conditional medical release is appropriate for  
145 the inmate. Before the hearing, the director of inmate health

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146 services or his or her designee must review any relevant  
147 information, including, but not limited to, medical evidence,  
148 and provide the panel with a recommendation regarding the  
149 appropriateness of releasing the inmate pursuant to this  
150 section.

151 (b) A majority of the panel members must agree that release  
152 pursuant to this section is appropriate for the inmate. If  
153 conditional medical release is approved, the inmate must be  
154 released by the department to the community within a reasonable  
155 amount of time with necessary release conditions imposed  
156 pursuant to subsection (6). An inmate who is granted conditional  
157 medical release is considered a medical releasee upon release to  
158 the community.

159 (c) An inmate who is denied conditional medical release by  
160 the panel may have the decision reviewed by the department's  
161 general counsel and chief medical officer, who must make a  
162 recommendation to the secretary. The secretary must review all  
163 relevant information and make a final decision about the  
164 appropriateness of conditional medical release pursuant to this  
165 section. The decision of the secretary is a final administrative  
166 decision not subject to appeal. An inmate who is denied  
167 conditional medical release may be subsequently reconsidered for  
168 such release in a manner prescribed by department rule.

169 (6) RELEASE CONDITIONS.—

170 (a) An inmate granted release pursuant to this section is  
171 released for a period equal to the length of time remaining on  
172 his or her term of imprisonment on the date the release is  
173 granted. Such inmate is considered a medical releasee upon  
174 release from the department into the community. The medical

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175 releasee must comply with all reasonable conditions of release  
176 the department imposes, which must include, at a minimum:

177 1. Periodic medical evaluations at intervals determined by  
178 the department at the time of release.

179 2. Supervision by an officer trained to handle special  
180 offender caseloads.

181 3. Active electronic monitoring, if such monitoring is  
182 determined to be necessary to ensure the safety of the public  
183 and the medical releasee's compliance with release conditions.

184 4. Any conditions of community control provided for in s.  
185 948.101.

186 5. Any other conditions the department deems appropriate to  
187 ensure the safety of the community and compliance by the medical  
188 releasee.

189 (b) A medical releasee is considered to be in the care,  
190 custody, supervision, and control of the department and remains  
191 eligible to earn or lose gain-time in accordance with s. 944.275  
192 and department rule. The medical releasee may not be counted in  
193 the prison system population, and the medical releasee's  
194 approved community-based housing location may not be counted in  
195 the capacity figures for the prison system.

196 (7) REVOCATION HEARING AND RECOMMITMENT.—

197 (a)1. If the medical releasee's supervision officer  
198 discovers that the medical or physical condition of the medical  
199 releasee has improved to the extent that she or he would no  
200 longer be eligible for release under this section, then the  
201 conditional medical release may be revoked. The department may  
202 order, as prescribed by department rule, that the medical  
203 releasee be returned to the custody of the department for a

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204 conditional medical release revocation hearing or may allow the  
205 medical releasee to remain in the community pending the  
206 revocation hearing.

207 2. The revocation hearing must be conducted by the panel  
208 established in subsection (1). Before a revocation hearing  
209 pursuant to this paragraph, the director of inmate health  
210 services or his or her designee must review any medical evidence  
211 pertaining to the medical releasee and provide the panel with a  
212 recommendation regarding the medical releasee's improvement and  
213 current medical or physical condition.

214 3. A majority of the panel members must agree that  
215 revocation is appropriate for the medical releasee's conditional  
216 medical release to be revoked. If conditional medical release is  
217 revoked due to improvement in his or her medical or physical  
218 condition, the medical releasee must be recommitted to the  
219 department to serve the balance of his or her sentence with  
220 credit for the time served on conditional medical release and  
221 without forfeiture of any gain-time accrued before recommitment.  
222 If the medical releasee whose conditional medical release is  
223 revoked due to an improvement in her or his medical or physical  
224 condition would otherwise be eligible for parole or any other  
225 release program, he or she may be considered for such release  
226 program pursuant to law.

227 4. A medical releasee whose conditional medical release is  
228 revoked pursuant to this paragraph may have the decision  
229 reviewed by the department's general counsel and chief medical  
230 officer, who must make a recommendation to the secretary. The  
231 secretary must review all relevant information and make a final  
232 decision about the appropriateness of the revocation of

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233 conditional medical release pursuant to this paragraph. The  
234 decision of the secretary is a final administrative decision not  
235 subject to appeal.

236 (b)1. The medical releasee's conditional medical release  
237 may also be revoked for violation of any release conditions the  
238 department establishes, including, but not limited to, a new  
239 violation of law.

240 2. If the basis of the violation of release conditions is  
241 related to a new violation of law, the medical releasee must be  
242 detained without bond until his or her initial appearance at  
243 which a judicial determination of probable cause is made. If the  
244 judge determines that there was no probable cause for the  
245 arrest, the medical releasee may be released. If the judge  
246 determines that there was probable cause for the arrest, the  
247 judge's determination also constitutes reasonable grounds to  
248 believe that the medical releasee violated the conditions of the  
249 conditional medical release.

250 3. The department must order that the medical releasee  
251 subject to revocation under this paragraph be returned to  
252 department custody for a conditional medical release revocation  
253 hearing.

254 4. A majority of the panel members must agree that  
255 revocation is appropriate for the medical releasee's conditional  
256 medical release to be revoked. If conditional medical release is  
257 revoked pursuant to this paragraph, the medical releasee must  
258 serve the balance of his or her sentence with credit for the  
259 actual time served on conditional medical release. The  
260 releasee's gain-time accrued before recommitment may be  
261 forfeited pursuant to s. 944.28(1). If the medical releasee

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262 whose conditional medical release is revoked subject to this  
263 paragraph would otherwise be eligible for parole or any other  
264 release program, he or she may be considered for such release  
265 program pursuant to law.

266 5. A medical releasee whose conditional medical release has  
267 been revoked pursuant to this paragraph may have the revocation  
268 reviewed by the department's general counsel, who must make a  
269 recommendation to the secretary. The secretary must review all  
270 relevant information and make a final decision about the  
271 appropriateness of the revocation of conditional medical release  
272 pursuant to this paragraph. The decision of the secretary is a  
273 final administrative decision not subject to appeal.

274 (c) If the medical releasee subject to revocation under  
275 paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) elects to proceed with a hearing,  
276 the medical releasee must be informed orally and in writing of  
277 the following:

278 1. The alleged basis for the pending revocation proceeding  
279 against the releasee.

280 2. The releasee's right to be represented by counsel.  
281 However, this subparagraph does not create a right to publicly  
282 funded legal counsel.

283 3. The releasee's right to be heard in person.

284 4. The releasee's right to secure, present, and compel the  
285 attendance of witnesses relevant to the proceeding.

286 5. The releasee's right to produce documents on his or her  
287 own behalf.

288 6. The releasee's right of access to all evidence used to  
289 support the revocation proceeding against the releasee and to  
290 confront and cross-examine adverse witnesses.

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291 7. The releasee's right to waive the hearing.

292 (8) SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS UPON AN INMATE'S DIAGNOSIS OF A  
293 TERMINAL CONDITION.—

294 (a) If an inmate is diagnosed with a terminal medical  
295 condition that makes him or her eligible for consideration for  
296 release under paragraph (2) (c) while in the custody of the  
297 department, subject to confidentiality requirements, the  
298 department must:

299 1. Notify the inmate's family or next of kin, and attorney,  
300 if applicable, of such diagnosis within 72 hours of the  
301 diagnosis.

302 2. Provide the inmate's family, including extended family,  
303 with an opportunity to visit the inmate in person within 7 days  
304 upon such diagnosis.

305 3. Initiate a review for conditional medical release as  
306 provided for in this section immediately upon such diagnosis.

307 (b) If the inmate has mental and physical capacity, he or  
308 she must consent to release of confidential information for the  
309 department to comply with the notification requirements required  
310 in this subsection.

311 (9) RULEMAKING AUTHORITY.—The department may adopt rules as  
312 necessary to implement this section.

313 Section 2. Section 947.149, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

314 Section 3. Subsection (6) of section 316.1935, Florida  
315 Statutes, is amended to read:

316 316.1935 Fleeing or attempting to elude a law enforcement  
317 officer; aggravated fleeing or eluding.—

318 (6) Notwithstanding s. 948.01, no court may suspend, defer,  
319 or withhold adjudication of guilt or imposition of sentence for

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320 any violation of this section. A person convicted and sentenced  
321 to a mandatory minimum term of incarceration under paragraph  
322 (3) (b) or paragraph (4) (b) is not eligible for statutory gain-  
323 time under s. 944.275 or any form of discretionary early  
324 release, other than pardon or executive clemency or conditional  
325 medical release under s. 945.0911 ~~s. 947.149~~, prior to serving  
326 the mandatory minimum sentence.

327 Section 4. Paragraph (k) of subsection (4) of section  
328 775.084, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

329 775.084 Violent career criminals; habitual felony offenders  
330 and habitual violent felony offenders; three-time violent felony  
331 offenders; definitions; procedure; enhanced penalties or  
332 mandatory minimum prison terms.—

333 (4)

334 (k)1. A defendant sentenced under this section as a  
335 habitual felony offender, a habitual violent felony offender, or  
336 a violent career criminal is eligible for gain-time granted by  
337 the Department of Corrections as provided in s. 944.275(4) (b).

338 2. For an offense committed on or after October 1, 1995, a  
339 defendant sentenced under this section as a violent career  
340 criminal is not eligible for any form of discretionary early  
341 release, other than pardon or executive clemency, or conditional  
342 medical release granted pursuant to s. 945.0911 ~~s. 947.149~~.

343 3. For an offense committed on or after July 1, 1999, a  
344 defendant sentenced under this section as a three-time violent  
345 felony offender shall be released only by expiration of sentence  
346 and shall not be eligible for parole, control release, or any  
347 form of early release.

348 Section 5. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) and paragraph

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349 (b) of subsection (3) of section 775.087, Florida Statutes, are  
350 amended to read:

351 775.087 Possession or use of weapon; aggravated battery;  
352 felony reclassification; minimum sentence.-

353 (2)

354 (b) Subparagraph (a)1., subparagraph (a)2., or subparagraph  
355 (a)3. does not prevent a court from imposing a longer sentence  
356 of incarceration as authorized by law in addition to the minimum  
357 mandatory sentence, or from imposing a sentence of death  
358 pursuant to other applicable law. Subparagraph (a)1.,  
359 subparagraph (a)2., or subparagraph (a)3. does not authorize a  
360 court to impose a lesser sentence than otherwise required by  
361 law.

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363 Notwithstanding s. 948.01, adjudication of guilt or imposition  
364 of sentence shall not be suspended, deferred, or withheld, and  
365 the defendant is not eligible for statutory gain-time under s.  
366 944.275 or any form of discretionary early release, other than  
367 pardon or executive clemency, or conditional medical release  
368 under s. 945.0911 ~~s. 947.149~~, prior to serving the minimum  
369 sentence.

370 (3)

371 (b) Subparagraph (a)1., subparagraph (a)2., or subparagraph  
372 (a)3. does not prevent a court from imposing a longer sentence  
373 of incarceration as authorized by law in addition to the minimum  
374 mandatory sentence, or from imposing a sentence of death  
375 pursuant to other applicable law. Subparagraph (a)1.,  
376 subparagraph (a)2., or subparagraph (a)3. does not authorize a  
377 court to impose a lesser sentence than otherwise required by

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378 law.

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380 Notwithstanding s. 948.01, adjudication of guilt or imposition  
381 of sentence shall not be suspended, deferred, or withheld, and  
382 the defendant is not eligible for statutory gain-time under s.  
383 944.275 or any form of discretionary early release, other than  
384 pardon or executive clemency, or conditional medical release  
385 under s. 945.0911 ~~s. 947.149~~, prior to serving the minimum  
386 sentence.

387 Section 6. Subsection (3) of section 784.07, Florida  
388 Statutes, is amended to read:

389 784.07 Assault or battery of law enforcement officers,  
390 firefighters, emergency medical care providers, public transit  
391 employees or agents, or other specified officers;  
392 reclassification of offenses; minimum sentences.-

393 (3) Any person who is convicted of a battery under  
394 paragraph (2)(b) and, during the commission of the offense, such  
395 person possessed:

396 (a) A "firearm" or "destructive device" as those terms are  
397 defined in s. 790.001, shall be sentenced to a minimum term of  
398 imprisonment of 3 years.

399 (b) A semiautomatic firearm and its high-capacity  
400 detachable box magazine, as defined in s. 775.087(3), or a  
401 machine gun as defined in s. 790.001, shall be sentenced to a  
402 minimum term of imprisonment of 8 years.

403

404 Notwithstanding s. 948.01, adjudication of guilt or imposition  
405 of sentence shall not be suspended, deferred, or withheld, and  
406 the defendant is not eligible for statutory gain-time under s.

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407 944.275 or any form of discretionary early release, other than  
408 pardon or executive clemency, or conditional medical release  
409 under s. 945.0911 ~~s. 947.149~~, prior to serving the minimum  
410 sentence.

411 Section 7. Subsection (1) of section 790.235, Florida  
412 Statutes, is amended to read:

413 790.235 Possession of firearm or ammunition by violent  
414 career criminal unlawful; penalty.—

415 (1) Any person who meets the violent career criminal  
416 criteria under s. 775.084(1)(d), regardless of whether such  
417 person is or has previously been sentenced as a violent career  
418 criminal, who owns or has in his or her care, custody,  
419 possession, or control any firearm, ammunition, or electric  
420 weapon or device, or carries a concealed weapon, including a  
421 tear gas gun or chemical weapon or device, commits a felony of  
422 the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.  
423 775.083, or s. 775.084. A person convicted of a violation of  
424 this section shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum of 15  
425 years' imprisonment; however, if the person would be sentenced  
426 to a longer term of imprisonment under s. 775.084(4)(d), the  
427 person must be sentenced under that provision. A person  
428 convicted of a violation of this section is not eligible for any  
429 form of discretionary early release, other than pardon,  
430 executive clemency, or conditional medical release under s.  
431 945.0911 ~~s. 947.149~~.

432 Section 8. Subsection (7) of section 794.0115, Florida  
433 Statutes, is amended to read:

434 794.0115 Dangerous sexual felony offender; mandatory  
435 sentencing.—

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436 (7) A defendant sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of  
437 imprisonment under this section is not eligible for statutory  
438 gain-time under s. 944.275 or any form of discretionary early  
439 release, other than pardon or executive clemency, or conditional  
440 medical release under s. 945.0911 ~~s. 947.149~~, before serving the  
441 minimum sentence.

442 Section 9. Paragraphs (b), (c), and (g) of subsection (1)  
443 and subsection (3) of section 893.135, Florida Statutes, are  
444 amended to read:

445 893.135 Trafficking; mandatory sentences; suspension or  
446 reduction of sentences; conspiracy to engage in trafficking.—

447 (1) Except as authorized in this chapter or in chapter 499  
448 and notwithstanding the provisions of s. 893.13:

449 (b)1. Any person who knowingly sells, purchases,  
450 manufactures, delivers, or brings into this state, or who is  
451 knowingly in actual or constructive possession of, 28 grams or  
452 more of cocaine, as described in s. 893.03(2)(a)4., or of any  
453 mixture containing cocaine, but less than 150 kilograms of  
454 cocaine or any such mixture, commits a felony of the first  
455 degree, which felony shall be known as "trafficking in cocaine,"  
456 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.  
457 If the quantity involved:

458 a. Is 28 grams or more, but less than 200 grams, such  
459 person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of  
460 imprisonment of 3 years, and the defendant shall be ordered to  
461 pay a fine of \$50,000.

462 b. Is 200 grams or more, but less than 400 grams, such  
463 person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of  
464 imprisonment of 7 years, and the defendant shall be ordered to

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465 pay a fine of \$100,000.

466 c. Is 400 grams or more, but less than 150 kilograms, such  
467 person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of  
468 imprisonment of 15 calendar years and pay a fine of \$250,000.

469 2. Any person who knowingly sells, purchases, manufactures,  
470 delivers, or brings into this state, or who is knowingly in  
471 actual or constructive possession of, 150 kilograms or more of  
472 cocaine, as described in s. 893.03(2)(a)4., commits the first  
473 degree felony of trafficking in cocaine. A person who has been  
474 convicted of the first degree felony of trafficking in cocaine  
475 under this subparagraph shall be punished by life imprisonment  
476 and is ineligible for any form of discretionary early release  
477 except pardon or executive clemency or conditional medical  
478 release under s. 945.0911 ~~s. 947.149~~. However, if the court  
479 determines that, in addition to committing any act specified in  
480 this paragraph:

481 a. The person intentionally killed an individual or  
482 counseled, commanded, induced, procured, or caused the  
483 intentional killing of an individual and such killing was the  
484 result; or

485 b. The person's conduct in committing that act led to a  
486 natural, though not inevitable, lethal result,  
487  
488 such person commits the capital felony of trafficking in  
489 cocaine, punishable as provided in ss. 775.082 and 921.142. Any  
490 person sentenced for a capital felony under this paragraph shall  
491 also be sentenced to pay the maximum fine provided under  
492 subparagraph 1.

493 3. Any person who knowingly brings into this state 300

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494 kilograms or more of cocaine, as described in s. 893.03(2)(a)4.,  
495 and who knows that the probable result of such importation would  
496 be the death of any person, commits capital importation of  
497 cocaine, a capital felony punishable as provided in ss. 775.082  
498 and 921.142. Any person sentenced for a capital felony under  
499 this paragraph shall also be sentenced to pay the maximum fine  
500 provided under subparagraph 1.

501 (c)1. A person who knowingly sells, purchases,  
502 manufactures, delivers, or brings into this state, or who is  
503 knowingly in actual or constructive possession of, 4 grams or  
504 more of any morphine, opium, hydromorphone, or any salt,  
505 derivative, isomer, or salt of an isomer thereof, including  
506 heroin, as described in s. 893.03(1)(b), (2)(a), (3)(c)3., or  
507 (3)(c)4., or 4 grams or more of any mixture containing any such  
508 substance, but less than 30 kilograms of such substance or  
509 mixture, commits a felony of the first degree, which felony  
510 shall be known as "trafficking in illegal drugs," punishable as  
511 provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. If the  
512 quantity involved:

513 a. Is 4 grams or more, but less than 14 grams, such person  
514 shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment  
515 of 3 years and shall be ordered to pay a fine of \$50,000.

516 b. Is 14 grams or more, but less than 28 grams, such person  
517 shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment  
518 of 15 years and shall be ordered to pay a fine of \$100,000.

519 c. Is 28 grams or more, but less than 30 kilograms, such  
520 person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of  
521 imprisonment of 25 years and shall be ordered to pay a fine of  
522 \$500,000.

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523           2. A person who knowingly sells, purchases, manufactures,  
524 delivers, or brings into this state, or who is knowingly in  
525 actual or constructive possession of, 28 grams or more of  
526 hydrocodone, as described in s. 893.03(2)(a)1.k., codeine, as  
527 described in s. 893.03(2)(a)1.g., or any salt thereof, or 28  
528 grams or more of any mixture containing any such substance,  
529 commits a felony of the first degree, which felony shall be  
530 known as "trafficking in hydrocodone," punishable as provided in  
531 s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. If the quantity involved:

532           a. Is 28 grams or more, but less than 50 grams, such person  
533 shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment  
534 of 3 years and shall be ordered to pay a fine of \$50,000.

535           b. Is 50 grams or more, but less than 100 grams, such  
536 person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of  
537 imprisonment of 7 years and shall be ordered to pay a fine of  
538 \$100,000.

539           c. Is 100 grams or more, but less than 300 grams, such  
540 person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of  
541 imprisonment of 15 years and shall be ordered to pay a fine of  
542 \$500,000.

543           d. Is 300 grams or more, but less than 30 kilograms, such  
544 person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of  
545 imprisonment of 25 years and shall be ordered to pay a fine of  
546 \$750,000.

547           3. A person who knowingly sells, purchases, manufactures,  
548 delivers, or brings into this state, or who is knowingly in  
549 actual or constructive possession of, 7 grams or more of  
550 oxycodone, as described in s. 893.03(2)(a)1.q., or any salt  
551 thereof, or 7 grams or more of any mixture containing any such

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552 substance, commits a felony of the first degree, which felony  
553 shall be known as "trafficking in oxycodone," punishable as  
554 provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. If the  
555 quantity involved:

556 a. Is 7 grams or more, but less than 14 grams, such person  
557 shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment  
558 of 3 years and shall be ordered to pay a fine of \$50,000.

559 b. Is 14 grams or more, but less than 25 grams, such person  
560 shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment  
561 of 7 years and shall be ordered to pay a fine of \$100,000.

562 c. Is 25 grams or more, but less than 100 grams, such  
563 person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of  
564 imprisonment of 15 years and shall be ordered to pay a fine of  
565 \$500,000.

566 d. Is 100 grams or more, but less than 30 kilograms, such  
567 person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of  
568 imprisonment of 25 years and shall be ordered to pay a fine of  
569 \$750,000.

570 4.a. A person who knowingly sells, purchases, manufactures,  
571 delivers, or brings into this state, or who is knowingly in  
572 actual or constructive possession of, 4 grams or more of:

573 (I) Alfentanil, as described in s. 893.03(2)(b)1.;

574 (II) Carfentanil, as described in s. 893.03(2)(b)6.;

575 (III) Fentanyl, as described in s. 893.03(2)(b)9.;

576 (IV) Sufentanil, as described in s. 893.03(2)(b)30.;

577 (V) A fentanyl derivative, as described in s.

578 893.03(1)(a)62.;

579 (VI) A controlled substance analog, as described in s.

580 893.0356, of any substance described in sub-sub-subparagraphs

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581 (I)-(V); or

582 (VII) A mixture containing any substance described in sub-  
583 sub-subparagraphs (I)-(VI),

584  
585 commits a felony of the first degree, which felony shall be  
586 known as "trafficking in fentanyl," punishable as provided in s.  
587 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

588 b. If the quantity involved under sub-subparagraph a.:

589 (I) Is 4 grams or more, but less than 14 grams, such person  
590 shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment  
591 of 3 years, and shall be ordered to pay a fine of \$50,000.

592 (II) Is 14 grams or more, but less than 28 grams, such  
593 person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of  
594 imprisonment of 15 years, and shall be ordered to pay a fine of  
595 \$100,000.

596 (III) Is 28 grams or more, such person shall be sentenced  
597 to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 25 years, and  
598 shall be ordered to pay a fine of \$500,000.

599 5. A person who knowingly sells, purchases, manufactures,  
600 delivers, or brings into this state, or who is knowingly in  
601 actual or constructive possession of, 30 kilograms or more of  
602 any morphine, opium, oxycodone, hydrocodone, codeine,  
603 hydromorphone, or any salt, derivative, isomer, or salt of an  
604 isomer thereof, including heroin, as described in s.  
605 893.03(1)(b), (2)(a), (3)(c)3., or (3)(c)4., or 30 kilograms or  
606 more of any mixture containing any such substance, commits the  
607 first degree felony of trafficking in illegal drugs. A person  
608 who has been convicted of the first degree felony of trafficking  
609 in illegal drugs under this subparagraph shall be punished by

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610 life imprisonment and is ineligible for any form of  
611 discretionary early release except pardon or executive clemency  
612 or conditional medical release under s. 945.0911 ~~s. 947.149~~.  
613 However, if the court determines that, in addition to committing  
614 any act specified in this paragraph:

615 a. The person intentionally killed an individual or  
616 counseled, commanded, induced, procured, or caused the  
617 intentional killing of an individual and such killing was the  
618 result; or

619 b. The person's conduct in committing that act led to a  
620 natural, though not inevitable, lethal result,  
621  
622 such person commits the capital felony of trafficking in illegal  
623 drugs, punishable as provided in ss. 775.082 and 921.142. A  
624 person sentenced for a capital felony under this paragraph shall  
625 also be sentenced to pay the maximum fine provided under  
626 subparagraph 1.

627 6. A person who knowingly brings into this state 60  
628 kilograms or more of any morphine, opium, oxycodone,  
629 hydrocodone, codeine, hydromorphone, or any salt, derivative,  
630 isomer, or salt of an isomer thereof, including heroin, as  
631 described in s. 893.03(1)(b), (2)(a), (3)(c)3., or (3)(c)4., or  
632 60 kilograms or more of any mixture containing any such  
633 substance, and who knows that the probable result of such  
634 importation would be the death of a person, commits capital  
635 importation of illegal drugs, a capital felony punishable as  
636 provided in ss. 775.082 and 921.142. A person sentenced for a  
637 capital felony under this paragraph shall also be sentenced to  
638 pay the maximum fine provided under subparagraph 1.

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639 (g)1. Any person who knowingly sells, purchases,  
640 manufactures, delivers, or brings into this state, or who is  
641 knowingly in actual or constructive possession of, 4 grams or  
642 more of flunitrazepam or any mixture containing flunitrazepam as  
643 described in s. 893.03(1)(a) commits a felony of the first  
644 degree, which felony shall be known as "trafficking in  
645 flunitrazepam," punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.  
646 775.083, or s. 775.084. If the quantity involved:

647 a. Is 4 grams or more but less than 14 grams, such person  
648 shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment  
649 of 3 years, and the defendant shall be ordered to pay a fine of  
650 \$50,000.

651 b. Is 14 grams or more but less than 28 grams, such person  
652 shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment  
653 of 7 years, and the defendant shall be ordered to pay a fine of  
654 \$100,000.

655 c. Is 28 grams or more but less than 30 kilograms, such  
656 person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of  
657 imprisonment of 25 calendar years and pay a fine of \$500,000.

658 2. Any person who knowingly sells, purchases, manufactures,  
659 delivers, or brings into this state or who is knowingly in  
660 actual or constructive possession of 30 kilograms or more of  
661 flunitrazepam or any mixture containing flunitrazepam as  
662 described in s. 893.03(1)(a) commits the first degree felony of  
663 trafficking in flunitrazepam. A person who has been convicted of  
664 the first degree felony of trafficking in flunitrazepam under  
665 this subparagraph shall be punished by life imprisonment and is  
666 ineligible for any form of discretionary early release except  
667 pardon or executive clemency or conditional medical release

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668 under s. 945.0911 ~~s. 947.149~~. However, if the court determines  
669 that, in addition to committing any act specified in this  
670 paragraph:

671 a. The person intentionally killed an individual or  
672 counseled, commanded, induced, procured, or caused the  
673 intentional killing of an individual and such killing was the  
674 result; or

675 b. The person's conduct in committing that act led to a  
676 natural, though not inevitable, lethal result,

677  
678 such person commits the capital felony of trafficking in  
679 flunitrazepam, punishable as provided in ss. 775.082 and  
680 921.142. Any person sentenced for a capital felony under this  
681 paragraph shall also be sentenced to pay the maximum fine  
682 provided under subparagraph 1.

683 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 948.01, with  
684 respect to any person who is found to have violated this  
685 section, adjudication of guilt or imposition of sentence shall  
686 not be suspended, deferred, or withheld, nor shall such person  
687 be eligible for parole prior to serving the mandatory minimum  
688 term of imprisonment prescribed by this section. A person  
689 sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment under this  
690 section is not eligible for any form of discretionary early  
691 release, except pardon or executive clemency or conditional  
692 medical release under s. 945.0911 ~~s. 947.149~~, prior to serving  
693 the mandatory minimum term of imprisonment.

694 Section 10. Subsection (2) of section 921.0024, Florida  
695 Statutes, is amended to read:

696 921.0024 Criminal Punishment Code; worksheet computations;

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697 scoresheets.-

698 (2) The lowest permissible sentence is the minimum sentence  
699 that may be imposed by the trial court, absent a valid reason  
700 for departure. The lowest permissible sentence is any nonstate  
701 prison sanction in which the total sentence points equals or is  
702 less than 44 points, unless the court determines within its  
703 discretion that a prison sentence, which may be up to the  
704 statutory maximums for the offenses committed, is appropriate.  
705 When the total sentence points exceeds 44 points, the lowest  
706 permissible sentence in prison months shall be calculated by  
707 subtracting 28 points from the total sentence points and  
708 decreasing the remaining total by 25 percent. The total sentence  
709 points shall be calculated only as a means of determining the  
710 lowest permissible sentence. The permissible range for  
711 sentencing shall be the lowest permissible sentence up to and  
712 including the statutory maximum, as defined in s. 775.082, for  
713 the primary offense and any additional offenses before the court  
714 for sentencing. The sentencing court may impose such sentences  
715 concurrently or consecutively. However, any sentence to state  
716 prison must exceed 1 year. If the lowest permissible sentence  
717 under the code exceeds the statutory maximum sentence as  
718 provided in s. 775.082, the sentence required by the code must  
719 be imposed. If the total sentence points are greater than or  
720 equal to 363, the court may sentence the offender to life  
721 imprisonment. An offender sentenced to life imprisonment under  
722 this section is not eligible for any form of discretionary early  
723 release, except executive clemency or conditional medical  
724 release under s. 945.0911 ~~s. 947.149~~.

725 Section 11. Paragraph (b) of subsection (7) of section

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726 944.605, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

727 944.605 Inmate release; notification; identification card.-

728 (7)

729 (b) Paragraph (a) does not apply to inmates who:

730 1. The department determines have a valid driver license or  
731 state identification card, except that the department shall  
732 provide these inmates with a replacement state identification  
733 card or replacement driver license, if necessary.

734 2. Have an active detainer, unless the department  
735 determines that cancellation of the detainer is likely or that  
736 the incarceration for which the detainer was issued will be less  
737 than 12 months in duration.

738 3. Are released due to an emergency release or a  
739 conditional medical release under s. 945.0911 ~~s. 947.149~~.

740 4. Are not in the physical custody of the department at or  
741 within 180 days before release.

742 5. Are subject to sex offender residency restrictions, and  
743 who, upon release under such restrictions, do not have a  
744 qualifying address.

745 Section 12. Subsection (1) of section 944.70, Florida  
746 Statutes, is amended to read:

747 944.70 Conditions for release from incarceration.-

748 (1) (a) A person who is convicted of a crime committed on or  
749 after October 1, 1983, but before January 1, 1994, may be  
750 released from incarceration only:

751 1. Upon expiration of the person's sentence;

752 2. Upon expiration of the person's sentence as reduced by  
753 accumulated gain-time;

754 3. As directed by an executive order granting clemency;

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- 755           4. Upon attaining the provisional release date;
- 756           5. Upon placement in a conditional release program pursuant  
757 to s. 947.1405; or
- 758           6. Upon the granting of control release pursuant to s.  
759 947.146.
- 760           (b) A person who is convicted of a crime committed on or  
761 after January 1, 1994, may be released from incarceration only:
- 762           1. Upon expiration of the person's sentence;
- 763           2. Upon expiration of the person's sentence as reduced by  
764 accumulated meritorious or incentive gain-time;
- 765           3. As directed by an executive order granting clemency;
- 766           4. Upon placement in a conditional release program pursuant  
767 to s. 947.1405 or a conditional medical release program pursuant  
768 to s. 945.0911 ~~s. 947.149~~; or
- 769           5. Upon the granting of control release, including  
770 emergency control release, pursuant to s. 947.146.
- 771           Section 13. Paragraph (h) of subsection (1) of section  
772 947.13, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 773           947.13 Powers and duties of commission.—
- 774           (1) The commission shall have the powers and perform the  
775 duties of:
- 776           ~~(h) Determining what persons will be released on  
777 conditional medical release under s. 947.149, establishing the  
778 conditions of conditional medical release, and determining  
779 whether a person has violated the conditions of conditional  
780 medical release and taking action with respect to such a  
781 violation.~~
- 782           Section 14. Section 947.141, Florida Statutes, is amended  
783 to read:

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784 947.141 Violations of conditional release, control release,  
785 ~~or conditional medical release~~ or addiction-recovery  
786 supervision.-

787 (1) If a member of the commission or a duly authorized  
788 representative of the commission has reasonable grounds to  
789 believe that an offender who is on release supervision under s.  
790 947.1405, s. 947.146, ~~s. 947.149~~, or s. 944.4731 has violated  
791 the terms and conditions of the release in a material respect,  
792 such member or representative may cause a warrant to be issued  
793 for the arrest of the releasee; if the offender was found to be  
794 a sexual predator, the warrant must be issued.

795 (2) Upon the arrest on a felony charge of an offender who  
796 is on release supervision under s. 947.1405, s. 947.146, ~~s.~~  
797 ~~947.149~~, or s. 944.4731, the offender must be detained without  
798 bond until the initial appearance of the offender at which a  
799 judicial determination of probable cause is made. If the trial  
800 court judge determines that there was no probable cause for the  
801 arrest, the offender may be released. If the trial court judge  
802 determines that there was probable cause for the arrest, such  
803 determination also constitutes reasonable grounds to believe  
804 that the offender violated the conditions of the release. Within  
805 24 hours after the trial court judge's finding of probable  
806 cause, the detention facility administrator or designee shall  
807 notify the commission and the department of the finding and  
808 transmit to each a facsimile copy of the probable cause  
809 affidavit or the sworn offense report upon which the trial court  
810 judge's probable cause determination is based. The offender must  
811 continue to be detained without bond for a period not exceeding  
812 72 hours excluding weekends and holidays after the date of the

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813 probable cause determination, pending a decision by the  
814 commission whether to issue a warrant charging the offender with  
815 violation of the conditions of release. Upon the issuance of the  
816 commission's warrant, the offender must continue to be held in  
817 custody pending a revocation hearing held in accordance with  
818 this section.

819 (3) Within 45 days after notice to the Florida Commission  
820 on Offender Review of the arrest of a releasee charged with a  
821 violation of the terms and conditions of conditional release,  
822 control release, ~~conditional medical release~~, or addiction-  
823 recovery supervision, the releasee must be afforded a hearing  
824 conducted by a commissioner or a duly authorized representative  
825 thereof. If the releasee elects to proceed with a hearing, the  
826 releasee must be informed orally and in writing of the  
827 following:

828 (a) The alleged violation with which the releasee is  
829 charged.

830 (b) The releasee's right to be represented by counsel.

831 (c) The releasee's right to be heard in person.

832 (d) The releasee's right to secure, present, and compel the  
833 attendance of witnesses relevant to the proceeding.

834 (e) The releasee's right to produce documents on the  
835 releasee's own behalf.

836 (f) The releasee's right of access to all evidence used  
837 against the releasee and to confront and cross-examine adverse  
838 witnesses.

839 (g) The releasee's right to waive the hearing.

840 (4) Within a reasonable time following the hearing, the  
841 commissioner or the commissioner's duly authorized

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842 representative who conducted the hearing shall make findings of  
843 fact in regard to the alleged violation. A panel of no fewer  
844 than two commissioners shall enter an order determining whether  
845 the charge of violation of conditional release, control release,  
846 ~~conditional medical release~~, or addiction-recovery supervision  
847 has been sustained based upon the findings of fact presented by  
848 the hearing commissioner or authorized representative. By such  
849 order, the panel may revoke conditional release, control  
850 release, ~~conditional medical release~~, or addiction-recovery  
851 supervision and thereby return the releasee to prison to serve  
852 the sentence imposed, reinstate the original order granting the  
853 release, or enter such other order as it considers proper.  
854 Effective for inmates whose offenses were committed on or after  
855 July 1, 1995, the panel may order the placement of a releasee,  
856 upon a finding of violation pursuant to this subsection, into a  
857 local detention facility as a condition of supervision.

858 (5) Effective for inmates whose offenses were committed on  
859 or after July 1, 1995, notwithstanding the provisions of ss.  
860 775.08, former 921.001, 921.002, 921.187, 921.188, 944.02, and  
861 951.23, or any other law to the contrary, by such order as  
862 provided in subsection (4), the panel, upon a finding of guilt,  
863 may, as a condition of continued supervision, place the releasee  
864 in a local detention facility for a period of incarceration not  
865 to exceed 22 months. Prior to the expiration of the term of  
866 incarceration, or upon recommendation of the chief correctional  
867 officer of that county, the commission shall cause inquiry into  
868 the inmate's release plan and custody status in the detention  
869 facility and consider whether to restore the inmate to  
870 supervision, modify the conditions of supervision, or enter an

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871 order of revocation, thereby causing the return of the inmate to  
872 prison to serve the sentence imposed. The provisions of this  
873 section do not prohibit the panel from entering such other order  
874 or conducting any investigation that it deems proper. The  
875 commission may only place a person in a local detention facility  
876 pursuant to this section if there is a contractual agreement  
877 between the chief correctional officer of that county and the  
878 Department of Corrections. The agreement must provide for a per  
879 diem reimbursement for each person placed under this section,  
880 which is payable by the Department of Corrections for the  
881 duration of the offender's placement in the facility. This  
882 section does not limit the commission's ability to place a  
883 person in a local detention facility for less than 1 year.

884 (6) Whenever a conditional release, control release,  
885 ~~conditional medical release,~~ or addiction-recovery supervision  
886 is revoked by a panel of no fewer than two commissioners and the  
887 releasee is ordered to be returned to prison, the releasee, by  
888 reason of the misconduct, shall be deemed to have forfeited all  
889 gain-time or commutation of time for good conduct, as provided  
890 for by law, earned up to the date of release. However, if a  
891 conditional medical release is revoked due to the improved  
892 medical or physical condition of the releasee, the releasee  
893 shall not forfeit gain-time accrued before the date of  
894 conditional medical release. This subsection does not deprive  
895 the prisoner of the right to gain-time or commutation of time  
896 for good conduct, as provided by law, from the date of return to  
897 prison.

898 (7) If a law enforcement officer has probable cause to  
899 believe that an offender who is on release supervision under s.

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900 947.1405, s. 947.146, ~~s. 947.149~~, or s. 944.4731 has violated  
901 the terms and conditions of his or her release by committing a  
902 felony offense, the officer shall arrest the offender without a  
903 warrant, and a warrant need not be issued in the case.

904 Section 15. This act shall take effect October 1, 2020.

**The Florida Senate**  
**BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice

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BILL: SB 560

INTRODUCER: Senators Brandes and Perry

SUBJECT: Sentencing

DATE: January 21, 2020

REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Erickson</u>	<u>Jones</u>	<u>CJ</u>	<b>Favorable</b>
2.	<u>Forbes</u>	<u>Jameson</u>	<u>ACJ</u>	<b>Recommend: Favorable</b>
3.	_____	_____	<u>AP</u>	_____

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## I. Summary:

SB 560 revises the name and primary purpose of the Criminal Punishment Code, Florida’s primary sentencing policy for noncapital felonies. Under current law, the primary purpose of the Criminal Punishment Code is to punish the offender. The bill renames the Criminal Punishment Code as the Public Safety Code and provides that the primary purpose of the Public Safety Code is public safety.

The bill should not have any prison bed impact because it does not change how sentences are currently calculated under the Criminal Punishment Code, modify existing penalties, or create new penalties.

The effective date of the bill is July 1, 2020.

## II. Present Situation:

In 1997, the Legislature enacted the Criminal Punishment Code<sup>1</sup> (Code) as Florida’s “primary sentencing policy.”<sup>2</sup> The primary purpose of the Code is to “punish the offender.”<sup>3</sup> Noncapital felonies sentenced under the Code receive an offense severity level ranking (Levels 1-10).<sup>4</sup> Points are assigned and accrue based upon the level ranking assigned to the primary offense, additional offenses, and prior offenses.<sup>5</sup> Sentence points escalate as the level escalates. Points may also be added or multiplied for other factors such as victim injury or the commission of certain drug trafficking offenses. The lowest permissible sentence is any nonstate prison sanction

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<sup>1</sup> Sections 921.002-921.0027, F.S. The Code is effective for offenses committed on or after October 1, 1998.

<sup>2</sup> See chs. 97-194 and 98-204, L.O.F.

<sup>3</sup> Section 921.002(1)(b), F.S.

<sup>4</sup> Offenses are either ranked in the offense severity level ranking chart in s. 921.0022, F.S., or are ranked by default based on a ranking assigned to the felony degree of the offense as provided in s. 921.0023, F.S.

<sup>5</sup> Section 921.0024, F.S. Unless otherwise noted, information on the Code is from this source.

in which total sentence points equal or are less than 44 points, unless the court determines that a prison sentence is appropriate. If total sentence points exceed 44 points, the lowest permissible sentence in prison months is calculated by subtracting 28 points from the total sentence points and decreasing the remaining total by 25 percent.

Absent mitigation,<sup>6</sup> the permissible sentencing range under the Code is generally the scored lowest permissible sentence up to, and including, the maximum sentence provided in s. 775.082, F.S.<sup>7</sup> However, if the offender's offense has a mandatory minimum term that is greater than the scored lowest permissible sentence, the mandatory minimum term supersedes the lowest permissible sentence scored.<sup>8</sup> Further, some offenders may qualify for prison diversion under various sections of the Florida Statutes.<sup>9</sup>

### III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The bill amends s. 921.002, F.S., to revise the name and primary purpose of the Criminal Punishment Code, Florida's primary sentencing policy for noncapital felonies. Under current law, the primary purpose of the Criminal Punishment Code is to punish the offender. The bill renames the Criminal Punishment Code as the Public Safety Code and provides that the primary purpose of the Public Safety Code is public safety.

Conforming changes are made to numerous other statutes consistent with these described changes.

The effective date of the bill is July 1, 2020.

### IV. Constitutional Issues:

#### A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

#### B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

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<sup>6</sup> The court may "mitigate" (reduce) the scored lowest permissible sentence if the court finds a mitigating circumstance. Sections 921.002(1)(g) and (3), 921.0026(1), and 921.00265(1) and (2), F.S. Section 921.0026(2), F.S., provides a list of mitigating circumstances. This type of sentence is often referred to as a "downward departure" sentence.

<sup>7</sup> Sections 921.002(1)(g) and 921.0024(2), F.S. The sentencing court may impose sentences concurrently or consecutively. A prison sentence must exceed one year. If the scored lowest permissible sentence exceeds the maximum penalty in s. 775.082, F.S., the sentence required by the Code must be imposed. If total sentence points are greater than or equal to 363 points, the court may sentence the offender to life imprisonment. Section 921.0024(2), F.S.

<sup>8</sup> Fla. R. Crim. P. 3.704(d)(26).

<sup>9</sup> See e.g., s. 775.082(10), F.S. (diversion for an offender whose offense is a nonviolent third degree felony and whose total sentence points are 22 points or fewer); s. 921.00241, F.S. (diversion into a Department of Corrections' prison diversion program for certain nonviolent third degree felony offenders); and s. 948.01, F.S. (diversion into a postadjudicatory treatment-based drug court program for certain nonviolent felony offenders).

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

D. State Tax or Fee Increases:

None.

E. Other Constitutional Issues:

None identified.

**V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The bill should not have any prison bed impact because it does not change how sentences are currently calculated under the Criminal Punishment Code, modify existing penalties, or create new penalties.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Statutes Affected:**

This bill substantially amends the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 775.082, 775.087, 782.051, 817.568, 893.13, 893.20, 910.035, 921.002, 921.0022, 921.0023, 921.0024, 921.0025, 921.0026, 921.0027, 924.06, 924.07, 944.17, 948.01, 948.015, 948.06, 948.20, 948.51, 958.04, and 985.465.

**IX. Additional Information:**

A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.

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This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.

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By Senator Brandes

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to sentencing; amending s. 921.002,  
3       F.S.; renaming the Criminal Punishment Code as the  
4       Public Safety Code; revising the primary purpose of  
5       sentencing under the Public Safety Code from punishing  
6       an offender to public safety; conforming provisions to  
7       changes made by the act; amending ss. 775.082,  
8       775.087, 782.051, 817.568, 893.13, 893.20, 910.035,  
9       921.0022, 921.0023, 921.0024, 921.0025, 921.0026,  
10      921.0027, 924.06, 924.07, 944.17, 948.01, 948.015,  
11      948.06, 948.20, 948.51, 958.04, and 985.465, F.S.;  
12      conforming provisions to changes made by the act;  
13      providing an effective date.

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

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17       Section 1. Section 921.002, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
18       read:

19       921.002 The Public Safety ~~Criminal Punishment~~ Code.—The  
20       Public Safety Code applies ~~Criminal Punishment Code shall apply~~  
21       to all felony offenses, except capital felonies, committed on or  
22       after October 1, 1998.

23       (1) The provision of criminal penalties and of limitations  
24       upon the application of such penalties is a matter of  
25       predominantly substantive law and, as such, is a matter properly  
26       addressed by the Legislature. The Legislature, in the exercise  
27       of its authority and responsibility to establish sentencing  
28       criteria, to provide for the imposition of criminal penalties,  
29       and to make the best use of state prisons so that violent

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30 criminal offenders are appropriately incarcerated, has  
31 determined that it is in the best interest of the state to  
32 develop, implement, and revise a sentencing policy. The Public  
33 Safety Criminal Punishment Code embodies the principles that:

34 (a) Sentencing is neutral with respect to race, gender, and  
35 social and economic status.

36 (b) The primary purpose of sentencing is public safety ~~to~~  
37 ~~punish the offender~~. Rehabilitation is a desired goal of the  
38 criminal justice system but is subordinate to the goal of public  
39 safety punishment.

40 (c) The penalty imposed is commensurate with the severity  
41 of the primary offense and the circumstances surrounding the  
42 primary offense.

43 (d) The severity of the sentence increases with the length  
44 and nature of the offender's prior record.

45 (e) The sentence imposed by the sentencing judge reflects  
46 the length of actual time to be served, shortened only by the  
47 application of incentive and meritorious gain-time as provided  
48 by law, and may not be shortened if the defendant would  
49 consequently serve less than 85 percent of his or her term of  
50 imprisonment as provided in s. 944.275(4). The provisions of  
51 chapter 947, relating to parole, shall not apply to persons  
52 sentenced under the Public Safety Criminal Punishment Code.

53 (f) Departures below the lowest permissible sentence  
54 established by the code must be articulated in writing by the  
55 trial court judge and made only when circumstances or factors  
56 reasonably justify the mitigation of the sentence. The level of  
57 proof necessary to establish facts that support a departure from  
58 the lowest permissible sentence is a preponderance of the

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59 evidence.

60 (g) The trial court judge may impose a sentence up to and  
61 including the statutory maximum for any offense, including an  
62 offense that is before the court due to a violation of probation  
63 or community control.

64 (h) A sentence may be appealed on the basis that it departs  
65 from the Public Safety ~~Criminal Punishment~~ Code only if the  
66 sentence is below the lowest permissible sentence or as  
67 enumerated in s. 924.06(1).

68 (i) Use of incarcerative sanctions is prioritized toward  
69 offenders convicted of serious offenses and certain offenders  
70 who have long prior records, in order to maximize the finite  
71 capacities of state and local correctional facilities.

72 (2) When a defendant is before the court for sentencing for  
73 more than one felony and the felonies were committed under more  
74 than one version or revision of the former sentencing guidelines  
75 or the code, each felony shall be sentenced under the guidelines  
76 or the code in effect at the time the particular felony was  
77 committed. This subsection does not apply to sentencing for any  
78 capital felony.

79 (3) A court may impose a departure below the lowest  
80 permissible sentence based upon circumstances or factors that  
81 reasonably justify the mitigation of the sentence in accordance  
82 with s. 921.0026. The level of proof necessary to establish  
83 facts supporting the mitigation of a sentence is a preponderance  
84 of the evidence. When multiple reasons exist to support the  
85 mitigation, the mitigation shall be upheld when at least one  
86 circumstance or factor justifies the mitigation regardless of  
87 the presence of other circumstances or factors found not to

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88 justify mitigation. Any sentence imposed below the lowest  
89 permissible sentence must be explained in writing by the trial  
90 court judge.

91 (4) (a) The Department of Corrections shall report on trends  
92 in sentencing practices and sentencing score thresholds and  
93 provide an analysis on the sentencing factors considered by the  
94 courts and shall submit this information to the Legislature by  
95 October 1 of each year.

96 (b) The Criminal Justice Estimating Conference, with the  
97 assistance of the Department of Corrections, shall estimate the  
98 impact of any proposed change to the Public Safety ~~Criminal~~  
99 ~~Punishment~~ Code on future rates of incarceration and on the  
100 prison population. The Criminal Justice Estimating Conference  
101 shall base its projections on historical data concerning  
102 sentencing practices which have been accumulated by the  
103 Department of Corrections and other relevant data from other  
104 state agencies and records of the Department of Corrections  
105 which disclose the average time served for offenses covered by  
106 any proposed changes to the Public Safety ~~Criminal Punishment~~  
107 Code.

108 (c) In order to produce projects that are either required  
109 by law or requested by the Legislature to assist the Legislature  
110 in making modifications to the Public Safety ~~Criminal Punishment~~  
111 Code, the Department of Corrections is authorized to collect and  
112 evaluate Public Safety ~~Criminal Punishment~~ Code scoresheets from  
113 each of the judicial circuits after sentencing. Beginning in  
114 1999, by October 1 of each year, the Department of Corrections  
115 shall provide an annual report to the Legislature that shows the  
116 rate of compliance of each judicial circuit in providing

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117 scoresheets to the department.

118 Section 2. Paragraphs (d) and (e) of subsection (8) of  
119 section 775.082, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

120 775.082 Penalties; applicability of sentencing structures;  
121 mandatory minimum sentences for certain reoffenders previously  
122 released from prison.—

123 (8)

124 (d) The Public Safety ~~Criminal Punishment~~ Code applies to  
125 all felonies, except capital felonies, committed on or after  
126 October 1, 1998. Any revision to the Public Safety ~~Criminal~~  
127 ~~Punishment~~ Code applies to sentencing for all felonies, except  
128 capital felonies, committed on or after the effective date of  
129 the revision.

130 (e) Felonies, except capital felonies, with continuing  
131 dates of enterprise shall be sentenced under the sentencing  
132 guidelines or the Public Safety ~~Criminal Punishment~~ Code in  
133 effect on the beginning date of the criminal activity.

134 Section 3. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) and paragraph  
135 (c) of subsection (3) of section 775.087, Florida Statutes, are  
136 amended to read:

137 775.087 Possession or use of weapon; aggravated battery;  
138 felony reclassification; minimum sentence.—

139 (2)

140 (c) If the minimum mandatory terms of imprisonment imposed  
141 pursuant to this section exceed the maximum sentences authorized  
142 by s. 775.082, s. 775.084, or the Public Safety ~~Criminal~~  
143 ~~Punishment~~ Code under chapter 921, then the mandatory minimum  
144 sentence must be imposed. If the mandatory minimum terms of  
145 imprisonment pursuant to this section are less than the

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146 sentences that could be imposed as authorized by s. 775.082, s.  
147 775.084, or the Public Safety ~~Criminal Punishment~~ Code under  
148 chapter 921, then the sentence imposed by the court must include  
149 the mandatory minimum term of imprisonment as required in this  
150 section.

151 (3)

152 (c) If the minimum mandatory terms of imprisonment imposed  
153 pursuant to this section exceed the maximum sentences authorized  
154 by s. 775.082, s. 775.084, or the Public Safety ~~Criminal~~  
155 ~~Punishment~~ Code under chapter 921, then the mandatory minimum  
156 sentence must be imposed. If the mandatory minimum terms of  
157 imprisonment pursuant to this section are less than the  
158 sentences that could be imposed as authorized by s. 775.082, s.  
159 775.084, or the Public Safety ~~Criminal Punishment~~ Code under  
160 chapter 921, then the sentence imposed by the court must include  
161 the mandatory minimum term of imprisonment as required in this  
162 section.

163 Section 4. Section 782.051, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
164 read:

165 782.051 Attempted felony murder.—

166 (1) Any person who perpetrates or attempts to perpetrate  
167 any felony enumerated in s. 782.04(3) and who commits, aids, or  
168 abets an intentional act that is not an essential element of the  
169 felony and that could, but does not, cause the death of another  
170 commits a felony of the first degree, punishable by imprisonment  
171 for a term of years not exceeding life, or as provided in s.  
172 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084, which is an offense ranked  
173 in level 9 of the Public Safety ~~Criminal Punishment~~ Code. Victim  
174 injury points shall be scored under this subsection.

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175 (2) Any person who perpetrates or attempts to perpetrate  
176 any felony other than a felony enumerated in s. 782.04(3) and  
177 who commits, aids, or abets an intentional act that is not an  
178 essential element of the felony and that could, but does not,  
179 cause the death of another commits a felony of the first degree,  
180 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084,  
181 which is an offense ranked in level 8 of the Public Safety  
182 ~~Criminal Punishment~~ Code. Victim injury points shall be scored  
183 under this subsection.

184 (3) When a person is injured during the perpetration of or  
185 the attempt to perpetrate any felony enumerated in s. 782.04(3)  
186 by a person other than the person engaged in the perpetration of  
187 or the attempt to perpetrate such felony, the person  
188 perpetrating or attempting to perpetrate such felony commits a  
189 felony of the second degree, punishable as provided in s.  
190 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084, which is an offense ranked  
191 in level 7 of the Public Safety ~~Criminal Punishment~~ Code. Victim  
192 injury points shall be scored under this subsection.

193 Section 5. Subsection (3) of section 817.568, Florida  
194 Statutes, is amended to read:

195 817.568 Criminal use of personal identification  
196 information.—

197 (3) Neither paragraph (2)(b) nor paragraph (2)(c) prevents  
198 a court from imposing a greater sentence of incarceration as  
199 authorized by law. If the minimum mandatory terms of  
200 imprisonment imposed under paragraph (2)(b) or paragraph (2)(c)  
201 exceed the maximum sentences authorized under s. 775.082, s.  
202 775.084, or the Public Safety ~~Criminal Punishment~~ Code under  
203 chapter 921, the mandatory minimum sentence must be imposed. If

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204 the mandatory minimum terms of imprisonment under paragraph  
205 (2)(b) or paragraph (2)(c) are less than the sentence that could  
206 be imposed under s. 775.082, s. 775.084, or the Public Safety  
207 ~~Criminal Punishment~~ Code under chapter 921, the sentence imposed  
208 by the court must include the mandatory minimum term of  
209 imprisonment as required by paragraph (2)(b) or paragraph  
210 (2)(c).

211 Section 6. Paragraph (d) of subsection (8) of section  
212 893.13, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

213 893.13 Prohibited acts; penalties.—

214 (8)

215 (d) Notwithstanding paragraph (c), if a prescribing  
216 practitioner has violated paragraph (a) and received \$1,000 or  
217 more in payment for writing one or more prescriptions or, in the  
218 case of a prescription written for a controlled substance  
219 described in s. 893.135, has written one or more prescriptions  
220 for a quantity of a controlled substance which, individually or  
221 in the aggregate, meets the threshold for the offense of  
222 trafficking in a controlled substance under s. 893.135, the  
223 violation is reclassified as a felony of the second degree and  
224 ranked in level 4 of the Public Safety ~~Criminal Punishment~~ Code.

225 Section 7. Subsection (2) of section 893.20, Florida  
226 Statutes, is amended to read:

227 893.20 Continuing criminal enterprise.—

228 (2) A person who commits the offense of engaging in a  
229 continuing criminal enterprise commits ~~is guilty of~~ a life  
230 felony, punishable pursuant to the Public Safety ~~Criminal~~  
231 ~~Punishment~~ Code and by a fine of \$500,000.

232 Section 8. Paragraph (f) of subsection (5) of section

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233 910.035, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

234 910.035 Transfer from county for plea, sentence, or  
235 participation in a problem-solving court.-

236 (5) TRANSFER FOR PARTICIPATION IN A PROBLEM-SOLVING COURT.-

237 (f) Upon successful completion of the problem-solving court  
238 program, the jurisdiction to which the case has been transferred  
239 shall dispose of the case. If the defendant does not complete  
240 the problem-solving court program successfully, the jurisdiction  
241 to which the case has been transferred shall dispose of the case  
242 within the guidelines of the Public Safety ~~Criminal Punishment~~  
243 Code.

244 Section 9. Section 921.0022, Florida Statutes, is amended  
245 to read:

246 921.0022 Public Safety ~~Criminal Punishment~~ Code; offense  
247 severity ranking chart.-

248 (1) The offense severity ranking chart must be used with  
249 the Public Safety ~~Criminal Punishment~~ Code worksheet to compute  
250 a sentence score for each felony offender whose offense was  
251 committed on or after October 1, 1998.

252 (2) The offense severity ranking chart has 10 offense  
253 levels, ranked from least severe, which are level 1 offenses, to  
254 most severe, which are level 10 offenses, and each felony  
255 offense is assigned to a level according to the severity of the  
256 offense. For purposes of determining which felony offenses are  
257 specifically listed in the offense severity ranking chart and  
258 which severity level has been assigned to each of these  
259 offenses, the numerical statutory references in the left column  
260 of the chart and the felony degree designations in the middle  
261 column of the chart are controlling; the language in the right

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262 column of the chart is provided solely for descriptive purposes.  
 263 Reclassification of the degree of the felony through the  
 264 application of s. 775.0845, s. 775.085, s. 775.0861, s.  
 265 775.0862, s. 775.0863, s. 775.087, s. 775.0875, s. 794.023, or  
 266 any other law that provides an enhanced penalty for a felony  
 267 offense, to any offense listed in the offense severity ranking  
 268 chart in this section shall not cause the offense to become  
 269 unlisted and is not subject to the provisions of s. 921.0023.

270 (3) OFFENSE SEVERITY RANKING CHART

271 (a) LEVEL 1

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Florida Statute	Felony Degree	Description
24.118(3)(a)	3rd	Counterfeit or altered state lottery ticket.
212.054(2)(b)	3rd	Discretionary sales surtax; limitations, administration, and collection.
212.15(2)(b)	3rd	Failure to remit sales taxes, amount \$1,000 or more but less than \$20,000.
316.1935(1)	3rd	Fleeing or attempting to elude law enforcement officer.

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278 319.30 (5) 3rd Sell, exchange, give away  
certificate of title or  
identification number plate.

279 319.35 (1) (a) 3rd Tamper, adjust, change,  
etc., an odometer.

280 320.26 (1) (a) 3rd Counterfeit, manufacture, or  
sell registration license  
plates or validation  
stickers.

281 322.212 3rd Possession of forged,  
(1) (a) - (c) stolen, counterfeit, or  
unlawfully issued driver  
license; possession of  
simulated identification.

282 322.212 (4) 3rd Supply or aid in supplying  
unauthorized driver license  
or identification card.

283 322.212 (5) (a) 3rd False application for driver  
license or identification  
card.

414.39 (3) (a) 3rd Fraudulent misappropriation  
of public assistance funds  
by employee/official, value

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more than \$200.

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443.071 (1)

3rd

False statement or representation to obtain or increase reemployment assistance benefits.

285

509.151 (1)

3rd

Defraud an innkeeper, food or lodging value \$1,000 or more.

286

517.302 (1)

3rd

Violation of the Florida Securities and Investor Protection Act.

287

713.69

3rd

Tenant removes property upon which lien has accrued, value \$1,000 or more.

288

812.014 (3) (c)

3rd

Petit theft (3rd conviction); theft of any property not specified in subsection (2).

289

812.081 (2)

3rd

Unlawfully makes or causes to be made a reproduction of a trade secret.

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815.04 (5) (a)

3rd

Offense against intellectual

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property (i.e., computer programs, data).

291

817.52(2)

3rd

Hiring with intent to defraud, motor vehicle services.

292

817.569(2)

3rd

Use of public record or public records information or providing false information to facilitate commission of a felony.

293

826.01

3rd

Bigamy.

294

828.122(3)

3rd

Fighting or baiting animals.

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831.04(1)

3rd

Any erasure, alteration, etc., of any replacement deed, map, plat, or other document listed in s. 92.28.

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831.31(1)(a)

3rd

Sell, deliver, or possess counterfeit controlled substances, all but s. 893.03(5) drugs.

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832.041(1)

3rd

Stopping payment with intent to defraud \$150 or more.

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832.05 (2) (b) & (4) (c)	3rd	Knowing, making, issuing worthless checks \$150 or more or obtaining property in return for worthless check \$150 or more.
838.15 (2)	3rd	Commercial bribe receiving.
838.16	3rd	Commercial bribery.
843.18	3rd	Fleeing by boat to elude a law enforcement officer.
847.011 (1) (a)	3rd	Sell, distribute, etc., obscene, lewd, etc., material (2nd conviction).
849.09 (1) (a) - (d)	3rd	Lottery; set up, promote, etc., or assist therein, conduct or advertise drawing for prizes, or dispose of property or money by means of lottery.
849.23	3rd	Gambling-related machines; "common offender" as to property rights.

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306	849.25 (2)	3rd	Engaging in bookmaking.
307	860.08	3rd	Interfere with a railroad signal.
308	860.13 (1) (a)	3rd	Operate aircraft while under the influence.
309	893.13 (2) (a) 2.	3rd	Purchase of cannabis.
310	893.13 (6) (a)	3rd	Possession of cannabis (more than 20 grams).
311	934.03 (1) (a)	3rd	Intercepts, or procures any other person to intercept, any wire or oral communication.

312 (b) LEVEL 2

313	Florida Statute	Felony Degree	Description
314	379.2431 (1) (e) 3.	3rd	Possession of 11 or fewer marine turtle eggs in violation of the Marine Turtle Protection Act.

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379.2431  
(1) (e) 4.

3rd

Possession of more than  
11 marine turtle eggs in  
violation of the Marine  
Turtle Protection Act.

316

403.413 (6) (c)

3rd

Dumps waste litter  
exceeding 500 lbs. in  
weight or 100 cubic feet  
in volume or any  
quantity for commercial  
purposes, or hazardous  
waste.

317

517.07 (2)

3rd

Failure to furnish a  
prospectus meeting  
requirements.

318

590.28 (1)

3rd

Intentional burning of  
lands.

319

784.05 (3)

3rd

Storing or leaving a  
loaded firearm within  
reach of minor who uses  
it to inflict injury or  
death.

320

787.04 (1)

3rd

In violation of court  
order, take, entice,  
etc., minor beyond state

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limits.

321

806.13 (1) (b) 3.

3rd

Criminal mischief;  
damage \$1,000 or more to  
public communication or  
any other public  
service.

322

810.061 (2)

3rd

Impairing or impeding  
telephone or power to a  
dwelling; facilitating  
or furthering burglary.

323

810.09 (2) (e)

3rd

Trespassing on posted  
commercial horticulture  
property.

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812.014 (2) (c) 1.

3rd

Grand theft, 3rd degree;  
\$750 or more but less  
than \$5,000.

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812.014 (2) (d)

3rd

Grand theft, 3rd degree;  
\$100 or more but less  
than \$750, taken from  
unenclosed curtilage of  
dwelling.

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812.015 (7)

3rd

Possession, use, or  
attempted use of an

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antishoplifting or  
inventory control device  
countermeasure.

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817.234 (1) (a) 2.

3rd

False statement in  
support of insurance  
claim.

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817.481 (3) (a)

3rd

Obtain credit or  
purchase with false,  
expired, counterfeit,  
etc., credit card, value  
over \$300.

329

817.52 (3)

3rd

Failure to redeliver  
hired vehicle.

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817.54

3rd

With intent to defraud,  
obtain mortgage note,  
etc., by false  
representation.

331

817.60 (5)

3rd

Dealing in credit cards  
of another.

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817.60 (6) (a)

3rd

Forgery; purchase goods,  
services with false  
card.

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334	817.61	3rd	Fraudulent use of credit cards over \$100 or more within 6 months.
335	826.04	3rd	Knowingly marries or has sexual intercourse with person to whom related.
336	831.01	3rd	Forgery.
337	831.02	3rd	Uttering forged instrument; utters or publishes alteration with intent to defraud.
338	831.07	3rd	Forging bank bills, checks, drafts, or promissory notes.
339	831.08	3rd	Possessing 10 or more forged notes, bills, checks, or drafts.
340	831.09	3rd	Uttering forged notes, bills, checks, drafts, or promissory notes.
	831.11	3rd	Bringing into the state forged bank bills,

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checks, drafts, or  
notes.

341

832.05 (3) (a)

3rd

Cashing or depositing  
item with intent to  
defraud.

342

843.08

3rd

False personation.

343

893.13 (2) (a) 2.

3rd

Purchase of any s.  
893.03 (1) (c), (2) (c) 1.,  
(2) (c) 2., (2) (c) 3.,  
(2) (c) 6., (2) (c) 7.,  
(2) (c) 8., (2) (c) 9.,  
(2) (c) 10., (3), or (4)  
drugs other than  
cannabis.

344

893.147 (2)

3rd

Manufacture or delivery  
of drug paraphernalia.

345

(c) LEVEL 3

346

347

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Felony  
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348

119.10 (2) (b)

3rd

Unlawful use of  
confidential information  
from police reports.

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349

316.066  
(3) (b) - (d)

3rd

Unlawfully obtaining or using confidential crash reports.

350

316.193 (2) (b)

3rd

Felony DUI, 3rd conviction.

351

316.1935 (2)

3rd

Fleeing or attempting to elude law enforcement officer in patrol vehicle with siren and lights activated.

352

319.30 (4)

3rd

Possession by junkyard of motor vehicle with identification number plate removed.

353

319.33 (1) (a)

3rd

Alter or forge any certificate of title to a motor vehicle or mobile home.

354

319.33 (1) (c)

3rd

Procure or pass title on stolen vehicle.

355

319.33 (4)

3rd

With intent to defraud, possess, sell, etc., a blank, forged, or

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unlawfully obtained title  
or registration.

356

327.35 (2) (b)

3rd

Felony BUI.

357

328.05 (2)

3rd

Possess, sell, or  
counterfeit fictitious,  
stolen, or fraudulent  
titles or bills of sale of  
vessels.

358

328.07 (4)

3rd

Manufacture, exchange, or  
possess vessel with  
counterfeit or wrong ID  
number.

359

376.302 (5)

3rd

Fraud related to  
reimbursement for cleanup  
expenses under the Inland  
Protection Trust Fund.

360

379.2431  
(1) (e) 5.

3rd

Taking, disturbing,  
mutilating, destroying,  
causing to be destroyed,  
transferring, selling,  
offering to sell,  
molesting, or harassing  
marine turtles, marine  
turtle eggs, or marine

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turtle nests in violation  
of the Marine Turtle  
Protection Act.

361

379.2431  
(1) (e) 6.

3rd

Possessing any marine  
turtle species or  
hatchling, or parts  
thereof, or the nest of any  
marine turtle species  
described in the Marine  
Turtle Protection Act.

362

379.2431  
(1) (e) 7.

3rd

Soliciting to commit or  
conspiring to commit a  
violation of the Marine  
Turtle Protection Act.

363

400.9935 (4) (a)  
or (b)

3rd

Operating a clinic, or  
offering services requiring  
licensure, without a  
license.

364

400.9935 (4) (e)

3rd

Filing a false license  
application or other  
required information or  
failing to report  
information.

365

440.1051 (3)

3rd

False report of workers'

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compensation fraud or  
retaliation for making such  
a report.

366

501.001 (2) (b)

2nd

Tampers with a consumer  
product or the container  
using materially  
false/misleading  
information.

367

624.401 (4) (a)

3rd

Transacting insurance  
without a certificate of  
authority.

368

624.401 (4) (b) 1.

3rd

Transacting insurance  
without a certificate of  
authority; premium  
collected less than  
\$20,000.

369

626.902 (1) (a) &  
(b)

3rd

Representing an  
unauthorized insurer.

370

697.08

3rd

Equity skimming.

371

790.15 (3)

3rd

Person directs another to  
discharge firearm from a  
vehicle.

372

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373	806.10 (1)	3rd	Maliciously injure, destroy, or interfere with vehicles or equipment used in firefighting.
374	806.10 (2)	3rd	Interferes with or assaults firefighter in performance of duty.
375	810.09 (2) (c)	3rd	Trespass on property other than structure or conveyance armed with firearm or dangerous weapon.
376	812.014 (2) (c) 2.	3rd	Grand theft; \$5,000 or more but less than \$10,000.
377	812.0145 (2) (c)	3rd	Theft from person 65 years of age or older; \$300 or more but less than \$10,000.
378	812.015 (8) (b)	3rd	Retail theft with intent to sell; conspires with others.
379	815.04 (5) (b)	2nd	Computer offense devised to defraud or obtain property.

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380	817.034 (4) (a) 3.	3rd	Engages in scheme to defraud (Florida Communications Fraud Act), property valued at less than \$20,000.
381	817.233	3rd	Burning to defraud insurer.
382	817.234 (8) (b) & (c)	3rd	Unlawful solicitation of persons involved in motor vehicle accidents.
383	817.234 (11) (a)	3rd	Insurance fraud; property value less than \$20,000.
384	817.236	3rd	Filing a false motor vehicle insurance application.
385	817.2361	3rd	Creating, marketing, or presenting a false or fraudulent motor vehicle insurance card.
386	817.413 (2)	3rd	Sale of used goods of \$1,000 or more as new.
	831.28 (2) (a)	3rd	Counterfeiting a payment instrument with intent to

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defraud or possessing a counterfeit payment instrument with intent to defraud.

387

831.29 2nd Possession of instruments for counterfeiting driver licenses or identification cards.

388

838.021 (3) (b) 3rd Threatens unlawful harm to public servant.

389

843.19 2nd Injure, disable, or kill police, fire, or SAR canine or police horse.

390

860.15 (3) 3rd Overcharging for repairs and parts.

391

870.01 (2) 3rd Riot; inciting or encouraging.

392

893.13 (1) (a) 2. 3rd Sell, manufacture, or deliver cannabis (or other s. 893.03 (1) (c), (2) (c) 1., (2) (c) 2., (2) (c) 3., (2) (c) 6., (2) (c) 7., (2) (c) 8., (2) (c) 9.,

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(2) (c) 10., (3), or (4)  
drugs).

393

893.13 (1) (d) 2.

2nd

Sell, manufacture, or  
deliver s. 893.03 (1) (c),  
(2) (c) 1., (2) (c) 2.,  
(2) (c) 3., (2) (c) 6.,  
(2) (c) 7., (2) (c) 8.,  
(2) (c) 9., (2) (c) 10., (3),  
or (4) drugs within 1,000  
feet of university.

394

893.13 (1) (f) 2.

2nd

Sell, manufacture, or  
deliver s. 893.03 (1) (c),  
(2) (c) 1., (2) (c) 2.,  
(2) (c) 3., (2) (c) 6.,  
(2) (c) 7., (2) (c) 8.,  
(2) (c) 9., (2) (c) 10., (3),  
or (4) drugs within 1,000  
feet of public housing  
facility.

395

893.13 (4) (c)

3rd

Use or hire of minor;  
deliver to minor other  
controlled substances.

396

893.13 (6) (a)

3rd

Possession of any  
controlled substance other  
than felony possession of

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cannabis.

397

893.13(7)(a)8.

3rd

Withhold information from practitioner regarding previous receipt of or prescription for a controlled substance.

398

893.13(7)(a)9.

3rd

Obtain or attempt to obtain controlled substance by fraud, forgery, misrepresentation, etc.

399

893.13(7)(a)10.

3rd

Affix false or forged label to package of controlled substance.

400

893.13(7)(a)11.

3rd

Furnish false or fraudulent material information on any document or record required by chapter 893.

401

893.13(8)(a)1.

3rd

Knowingly assist a patient, other person, or owner of an animal in obtaining a controlled substance through deceptive, untrue, or fraudulent representations in or

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related to the  
practitioner's practice.

402

893.13(8)(a)2.

3rd

Employ a trick or scheme in the practitioner's practice to assist a patient, other person, or owner of an animal in obtaining a controlled substance.

403

893.13(8)(a)3.

3rd

Knowingly write a prescription for a controlled substance for a fictitious person.

404

893.13(8)(a)4.

3rd

Write a prescription for a controlled substance for a patient, other person, or an animal if the sole purpose of writing the prescription is a monetary benefit for the practitioner.

405

918.13(1)(a)

3rd

Alter, destroy, or conceal investigation evidence.

406

944.47  
(1)(a)1. & 2.

3rd

Introduce contraband to correctional facility.

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407

944.47 (1) (c)

2nd

Possess contraband while upon the grounds of a correctional institution.

408

985.721

3rd

Escapes from a juvenile facility (secure detention or residential commitment facility).

409

410

(d) LEVEL 4

411

Florida  
Statute

Felony  
Degree

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412

316.1935 (3) (a)

2nd

Driving at high speed or with wanton disregard for safety while fleeing or attempting to elude law enforcement officer who is in a patrol vehicle with siren and lights activated.

413

499.0051 (1)

3rd

Failure to maintain or deliver transaction history, transaction information, or transaction statements.

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414

499.0051 (5)

2nd

Knowing sale or delivery, or possession with intent to sell, contraband prescription drugs.

415

517.07 (1)

3rd

Failure to register securities.

416

517.12 (1)

3rd

Failure of dealer, associated person, or issuer of securities to register.

417

784.07 (2) (b)

3rd

Battery of law enforcement officer, firefighter, etc.

418

784.074 (1) (c)

3rd

Battery of sexually violent predators facility staff.

419

784.075

3rd

Battery on detention or commitment facility staff.

420

784.078

3rd

Battery of facility employee by throwing,

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tossing, or expelling  
certain fluids or  
materials.

421

784.08 (2) (c)

3rd

Battery on a person 65  
years of age or older.

422

784.081 (3)

3rd

Battery on specified  
official or employee.

423

784.082 (3)

3rd

Battery by detained  
person on visitor or  
other detainee.

424

784.083 (3)

3rd

Battery on code  
inspector.

425

784.085

3rd

Battery of child by  
throwing, tossing,  
projecting, or expelling  
certain fluids or  
materials.

426

787.03 (1)

3rd

Interference with  
custody; wrongly takes  
minor from appointed  
guardian.

427

787.04 (2)

3rd

Take, entice, or remove

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child beyond state  
limits with criminal  
intent pending custody  
proceedings.

428

787.04 (3)

3rd

Carrying child beyond  
state lines with  
criminal intent to avoid  
producing child at  
custody hearing or  
delivering to designated  
person.

429

787.07

3rd

Human smuggling.

430

790.115 (1)

3rd

Exhibiting firearm or  
weapon within 1,000 feet  
of a school.

431

790.115 (2) (b)

3rd

Possessing electric  
weapon or device,  
destructive device, or  
other weapon on school  
property.

432

790.115 (2) (c)

3rd

Possessing firearm on  
school property.

433

800.04 (7) (c)

3rd

Lewd or lascivious

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exhibition; offender  
less than 18 years.

434

810.02 (4) (a)

3rd

Burglary, or attempted  
burglary, of an  
unoccupied structure;  
unarmed; no assault or  
battery.

435

810.02 (4) (b)

3rd

Burglary, or attempted  
burglary, of an  
unoccupied conveyance;  
unarmed; no assault or  
battery.

436

810.06

3rd

Burglary; possession of  
tools.

437

810.08 (2) (c)

3rd

Trespass on property,  
armed with firearm or  
dangerous weapon.

438

812.014 (2) (c) 3.

3rd

Grand theft, 3rd degree  
\$10,000 or more but less  
than \$20,000.

439

812.014  
(2) (c) 4.-10.

3rd

Grand theft, 3rd degree;  
specified items.

440

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441	812.0195 (2)	3rd	Dealing in stolen property by use of the Internet; property stolen \$300 or more.
442	817.505 (4) (a)	3rd	Patient brokering.
443	817.563 (1)	3rd	Sell or deliver substance other than controlled substance agreed upon, excluding s. 893.03 (5) drugs.
444	817.568 (2) (a)	3rd	Fraudulent use of personal identification information.
445	817.625 (2) (a)	3rd	Fraudulent use of scanning device, skimming device, or reencoder.
446	817.625 (2) (c)	3rd	Possess, sell, or deliver skimming device.
	828.125 (1)	2nd	Kill, maim, or cause great bodily harm or permanent breeding disability to any

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registered horse or  
cattle.

447

837.02 (1)

3rd

Perjury in official  
proceedings.

448

837.021 (1)

3rd

Make contradictory  
statements in official  
proceedings.

449

838.022

3rd

Official misconduct.

450

839.13 (2) (a)

3rd

Falsifying records of an  
individual in the care  
and custody of a state  
agency.

451

839.13 (2) (c)

3rd

Falsifying records of  
the Department of  
Children and Families.

452

843.021

3rd

Possession of a  
concealed handcuff key  
by a person in custody.

453

843.025

3rd

Deprive law enforcement,  
correctional, or  
correctional probation  
officer of means of

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protection or  
communication.

454

843.15(1)(a)

3rd

Failure to appear while  
on bail for felony (bond  
estreature or bond  
jumping).

455

847.0135(5)(c)

3rd

Lewd or lascivious  
exhibition using  
computer; offender less  
than 18 years.

456

874.05(1)(a)

3rd

Encouraging or  
recruiting another to  
join a criminal gang.

457

893.13(2)(a)1.

2nd

Purchase of cocaine (or  
other s. 893.03(1)(a),  
(b), or (d), (2)(a),  
(2)(b), or (2)(c)5.  
drugs).

458

914.14(2)

3rd

Witnesses accepting  
bribes.

459

914.22(1)

3rd

Force, threaten, etc.,  
witness, victim, or  
informant.

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460

914.23 (2) 3rd Retaliation against a witness, victim, or informant, no bodily injury.

461

918.12 3rd Tampering with jurors.

462

934.215 3rd Use of two-way communications device to facilitate commission of a crime.

463

944.47 (1) (a) 6. 3rd Introduction of contraband (cellular telephone or other portable communication device) into correctional institution.

464

951.22 (1) (h), (j) & (k) 3rd Intoxicating drug, instrumentality or other device to aid escape, or cellular telephone or other portable communication device introduced into county detention facility.

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(e) LEVEL 5

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316.027 (2) (a)

3rd

Accidents involving  
personal injuries other  
than serious bodily  
injury, failure to stop;  
leaving scene.

316.1935 (4) (a)

2nd

Aggravated fleeing or  
eluding.

316.80 (2)

2nd

Unlawful conveyance of  
fuel; obtaining fuel  
fraudulently.

322.34 (6)

3rd

Careless operation of  
motor vehicle with  
suspended license,  
resulting in death or  
serious bodily injury.

327.30 (5)

3rd

Vessel accidents  
involving personal  
injury; leaving scene.

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379.365(2)(c)1.

3rd

Violation of rules relating to: willful molestation of stone crab traps, lines, or buoys; illegal bartering, trading, or sale, conspiring or aiding in such barter, trade, or sale, or supplying, agreeing to supply, aiding in supplying, or giving away stone crab trap tags or certificates; making, altering, forging, counterfeiting, or reproducing stone crab trap tags; possession of forged, counterfeit, or imitation stone crab trap tags; and engaging in the commercial harvest of stone crabs while license is suspended or revoked.

474

379.367(4)

3rd

Willful molestation of a commercial harvester's

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475

spiny lobster trap,  
line, or buoy.

379.407(5)(b)3.

3rd

Possession of 100 or  
more undersized spiny  
lobsters.

476

381.0041(11)(b)

3rd

Donate blood, plasma, or  
organs knowing HIV  
positive.

477

440.10(1)(g)

2nd

Failure to obtain  
workers' compensation  
coverage.

478

440.105(5)

2nd

Unlawful solicitation  
for the purpose of  
making workers'  
compensation claims.

479

440.381(2)

3rd

Submission of false,  
misleading, or  
incomplete information  
with the purpose of  
avoiding or reducing  
workers' compensation  
premiums.

480

624.401(4)(b)2.

2nd

Transacting insurance

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without a certificate or authority; premium collected \$20,000 or more but less than \$100,000.

481

626.902 (1) (c)

2nd

Representing an unauthorized insurer; repeat offender.

482

790.01 (2)

3rd

Carrying a concealed firearm.

483

790.162

2nd

Threat to throw or discharge destructive device.

484

790.163 (1)

2nd

False report of bomb, explosive, weapon of mass destruction, or use of firearms in violent manner.

485

790.221 (1)

2nd

Possession of short-barreled shotgun or machine gun.

486

790.23

2nd

Felons in possession of firearms, ammunition, or

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electronic weapons or  
devices.

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796.05 (1)

2nd

Live on earnings of a  
prostitute; 1st offense.

800.04 (6) (c)

3rd

Lewd or lascivious  
conduct; offender less  
than 18 years of age.

800.04 (7) (b)

2nd

Lewd or lascivious  
exhibition; offender 18  
years of age or older.

806.111 (1)

3rd

Possess, manufacture, or  
dispense fire bomb with  
intent to damage any  
structure or property.

812.0145 (2) (b)

2nd

Theft from person 65  
years of age or older;  
\$10,000 or more but less  
than \$50,000.

812.015  
(8) (a) & (c) - (e)

3rd

Retail theft; property  
stolen is valued at \$750  
or more and one or more  
specified acts.

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494	812.019 (1)	2nd	Stolen property; dealing in or trafficking in.
495	812.131 (2) (b)	3rd	Robbery by sudden snatching.
496	812.16 (2)	3rd	Owning, operating, or conducting a chop shop.
497	817.034 (4) (a) 2.	2nd	Communications fraud, value \$20,000 to \$50,000.
498	817.234 (11) (b)	2nd	Insurance fraud; property value \$20,000 or more but less than \$100,000.
499	817.2341 (1), (2) (a) & (3) (a)	3rd	Filing false financial statements, making false entries of material fact or false statements regarding property values relating to the solvency of an insuring entity.
499	817.568 (2) (b)	2nd	Fraudulent use of personal identification

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information; value of benefit, services received, payment avoided, or amount of injury or fraud, \$5,000 or more or use of personal identification information of 10 or more persons.

500

817.611 (2) (a)

2nd

Traffic in or possess 5 to 14 counterfeit credit cards or related documents.

501

817.625 (2) (b)

2nd

Second or subsequent fraudulent use of scanning device, skimming device, or reencoder.

502

825.1025 (4)

3rd

Lewd or lascivious exhibition in the presence of an elderly person or disabled adult.

503

827.071 (4)

2nd

Possess with intent to promote any photographic

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material, motion  
 picture, etc., which  
 includes sexual conduct  
 by a child.

504

827.071 (5)

3rd

Possess, control, or  
 intentionally view any  
 photographic material,  
 motion picture, etc.,  
 which includes sexual  
 conduct by a child.

505

828.12 (2)

3rd

Tortures any animal with  
 intent to inflict  
 intense pain, serious  
 physical injury, or  
 death.

506

839.13 (2) (b)

2nd

Falsifying records of an  
 individual in the care  
 and custody of a state  
 agency involving great  
 bodily harm or death.

507

843.01

3rd

Resist officer with  
 violence to person;  
 resist arrest with  
 violence.

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847.0135 (5) (b)

2nd

Lewd or lascivious  
exhibition using  
computer; offender 18  
years or older.

509

847.0137  
(2) & (3)

3rd

Transmission of  
pornography by  
electronic device or  
equipment.

510

847.0138  
(2) & (3)

3rd

Transmission of material  
harmful to minors to a  
minor by electronic  
device or equipment.

511

874.05 (1) (b)

2nd

Encouraging or  
recruiting another to  
join a criminal gang;  
second or subsequent  
offense.

512

874.05 (2) (a)

2nd

Encouraging or  
recruiting person under  
13 years of age to join  
a criminal gang.

513

893.13 (1) (a) 1.

2nd

Sell, manufacture, or  
deliver cocaine (or  
other s. 893.03(1) (a),

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(1) (b), (1) (d), (2) (a),  
 (2) (b), or (2) (c) 5.  
 drugs).

514

893.13 (1) (c) 2.

2nd

Sell, manufacture, or  
 deliver cannabis (or  
 other s. 893.03 (1) (c),  
 (2) (c) 1., (2) (c) 2.,  
 (2) (c) 3., (2) (c) 6.,  
 (2) (c) 7., (2) (c) 8.,  
 (2) (c) 9., (2) (c) 10.,  
 (3), or (4) drugs)  
 within 1,000 feet of a  
 child care facility,  
 school, or state,  
 county, or municipal  
 park or publicly owned  
 recreational facility or  
 community center.

515

893.13 (1) (d) 1.

1st

Sell, manufacture, or  
 deliver cocaine (or  
 other s. 893.03 (1) (a),  
 (1) (b), (1) (d), (2) (a),  
 (2) (b), or (2) (c) 5.  
 drugs) within 1,000 feet  
 of university.

516

893.13 (1) (e) 2.

2nd

Sell, manufacture, or

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deliver cannabis or other drug prohibited under s. 893.03(1)(c), (2)(c)1., (2)(c)2., (2)(c)3., (2)(c)6., (2)(c)7., (2)(c)8., (2)(c)9., (2)(c)10., (3), or (4) within 1,000 feet of property used for religious services or a specified business site.

517

893.13(1)(f)1.

1st

Sell, manufacture, or deliver cocaine (or other s. 893.03(1)(a), (1)(b), (1)(d), or (2)(a), (2)(b), or (2)(c)5. drugs) within 1,000 feet of public housing facility.

518

893.13(4)(b)

2nd

Use or hire of minor; deliver to minor other controlled substance.

519

893.1351(1)

3rd

Ownership, lease, or rental for trafficking in or manufacturing of

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controlled substance.

520

521 (f) LEVEL 6

522

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523

316.027 (2) (b)

2nd

Leaving the scene of a crash involving serious bodily injury.

524

316.193 (2) (b)

3rd

Felony DUI, 4th or subsequent conviction.

525

400.9935 (4) (c)

2nd

Operating a clinic, or offering services requiring licensure, without a license.

526

499.0051 (2)

2nd

Knowing forgery of transaction history, transaction information, or transaction statement.

527

499.0051 (3)

2nd

Knowing purchase or receipt of prescription drug from unauthorized person.

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528

499.0051 (4) 2nd Knowing sale or transfer of prescription drug to unauthorized person.

529

775.0875 (1) 3rd Taking firearm from law enforcement officer.

530

784.021 (1) (a) 3rd Aggravated assault; deadly weapon without intent to kill.

531

784.021 (1) (b) 3rd Aggravated assault; intent to commit felony.

532

784.041 3rd Felony battery; domestic battery by strangulation.

533

784.048 (3) 3rd Aggravated stalking; credible threat.

534

784.048 (5) 3rd Aggravated stalking of person under 16.

535

784.07 (2) (c) 2nd Aggravated assault on law enforcement officer.

536

784.074 (1) (b) 2nd Aggravated assault on

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sexually violent  
predators facility  
staff.

537

784.08 (2) (b)

2nd

Aggravated assault on a  
person 65 years of age  
or older.

538

784.081 (2)

2nd

Aggravated assault on  
specified official or  
employee.

539

784.082 (2)

2nd

Aggravated assault by  
detained person on  
visitor or other  
detainee.

540

784.083 (2)

2nd

Aggravated assault on  
code inspector.

541

787.02 (2)

3rd

False imprisonment;  
restraining with purpose  
other than those in s.  
787.01.

542

790.115 (2) (d)

2nd

Discharging firearm or  
weapon on school  
property.

543

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790.161 (2)

2nd

Make, possess, or throw destructive device with intent to do bodily harm or damage property.

544

790.164 (1)

2nd

False report concerning bomb, explosive, weapon of mass destruction, act of arson or violence to state property, or use of firearms in violent manner.

545

790.19

2nd

Shooting or throwing deadly missiles into dwellings, vessels, or vehicles.

546

794.011 (8) (a)

3rd

Solicitation of minor to participate in sexual activity by custodial adult.

547

794.05 (1)

2nd

Unlawful sexual activity with specified minor.

548

800.04 (5) (d)

3rd

Lewd or lascivious molestation; victim 12 years of age or older

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but less than 16 years  
of age; offender less  
than 18 years.

549

800.04 (6) (b)

2nd

Lewd or lascivious  
conduct; offender 18  
years of age or older.

550

806.031 (2)

2nd

Arson resulting in great  
bodily harm to  
firefighter or any other  
person.

551

810.02 (3) (c)

2nd

Burglary of occupied  
structure; unarmed; no  
assault or battery.

552

810.145 (8) (b)

2nd

Video voyeurism; certain  
minor victims; 2nd or  
subsequent offense.

553

812.014 (2) (b) 1.

2nd

Property stolen \$20,000  
or more, but less than  
\$100,000, grand theft in  
2nd degree.

554

812.014 (6)

2nd

Theft; property stolen  
\$3,000 or more;  
coordination of others.

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555

812.015 (9) (a) 2nd Retail theft; property stolen \$750 or more; second or subsequent conviction.

556

812.015 (9) (b) 2nd Retail theft; aggregated property stolen within 30 days is \$3,000 or more; coordination of others.

557

812.13 (2) (c) 2nd Robbery, no firearm or other weapon (strong-arm robbery).

558

817.4821 (5) 2nd Possess cloning paraphernalia with intent to create cloned cellular telephones.

559

817.505 (4) (b) 2nd Patient brokering; 10 or more patients.

560

825.102 (1) 3rd Abuse of an elderly person or disabled adult.

561

825.102 (3) (c) 3rd Neglect of an elderly

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person or disabled  
adult.

562

825.1025 (3)

3rd

Lewd or lascivious  
molestation of an  
elderly person or  
disabled adult.

563

825.103 (3) (c)

3rd

Exploiting an elderly  
person or disabled adult  
and property is valued  
at less than \$10,000.

564

827.03 (2) (c)

3rd

Abuse of a child.

565

827.03 (2) (d)

3rd

Neglect of a child.

566

827.071 (2) & (3)

2nd

Use or induce a child in  
a sexual performance, or  
promote or direct such  
performance.

567

836.05

2nd

Threats; extortion.

568

836.10

2nd

Written threats to kill,  
do bodily injury, or  
conduct a mass shooting  
or an act of terrorism.

569

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570 843.12 3rd Aids or assists person to escape.

571 847.011 3rd Distributing, offering to distribute, or possessing with intent to distribute obscene materials depicting minors.

572 847.012 3rd Knowingly using a minor in the production of materials harmful to minors.

573 847.0135 (2) 3rd Facilitates sexual conduct of or with a minor or the visual depiction of such conduct.

574 914.23 2nd Retaliation against a witness, victim, or informant, with bodily injury.

944.35 (3) (a) 2. 3rd Committing malicious battery upon or inflicting cruel or

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inhuman treatment on an inmate or offender on community supervision, resulting in great bodily harm.

575

944.40

2nd

Escapes.

576

944.46

3rd

Harboring, concealing, aiding escaped prisoners.

577

944.47 (1) (a) 5.

2nd

Introduction of contraband (firearm, weapon, or explosive) into correctional facility.

578

951.22 (1) (i)

3rd

Firearm or weapon introduced into county detention facility.

579

580

(g) LEVEL 7

581

Florida  
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582

316.027 (2) (c)

1st

Accident involving death, failure to stop; leaving

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scene.

583

316.193 (3) (c) 2.

3rd

DUI resulting in serious  
bodily injury.

584

316.1935 (3) (b)

1st

Causing serious bodily  
injury or death to another  
person; driving at high  
speed or with wanton  
disregard for safety while  
fleeing or attempting to  
elude law enforcement  
officer who is in a patrol  
vehicle with siren and  
lights activated.

585

327.35 (3) (c) 2.

3rd

Vessel BUI resulting in  
serious bodily injury.

586

402.319 (2)

2nd

Misrepresentation and  
negligence or intentional  
act resulting in great  
bodily harm, permanent  
disfiguration, permanent  
disability, or death.

587

409.920  
(2) (b) 1.a.

3rd

Medicaid provider fraud;  
\$10,000 or less.

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	409.920	2nd	Medicaid provider fraud;
	(2) (b) 1.b.		more than \$10,000, but less than \$50,000.
589			
	456.065 (2)	3rd	Practicing a health care profession without a license.
590			
	456.065 (2)	2nd	Practicing a health care profession without a license which results in serious bodily injury.
591			
	458.327 (1)	3rd	Practicing medicine without a license.
592			
	459.013 (1)	3rd	Practicing osteopathic medicine without a license.
593			
	460.411 (1)	3rd	Practicing chiropractic medicine without a license.
594			
	461.012 (1)	3rd	Practicing podiatric medicine without a license.
595			
	462.17	3rd	Practicing naturopathy

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without a license.

596

463.015 (1)

3rd

Practicing optometry  
without a license.

597

464.016 (1)

3rd

Practicing nursing without  
a license.

598

465.015 (2)

3rd

Practicing pharmacy  
without a license.

599

466.026 (1)

3rd

Practicing dentistry or  
dental hygiene without a  
license.

600

467.201

3rd

Practicing midwifery  
without a license.

601

468.366

3rd

Delivering respiratory  
care services without a  
license.

602

483.828 (1)

3rd

Practicing as clinical  
laboratory personnel  
without a license.

603

483.901 (7)

3rd

Practicing medical physics  
without a license.

604

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605 484.013 (1) (c) 3rd Preparing or dispensing  
optical devices without a  
prescription.

606 484.053 3rd Dispensing hearing aids  
without a license.

607 494.0018 (2) 1st Conviction of any  
violation of chapter 494  
in which the total money  
and property unlawfully  
obtained exceeded \$50,000  
and there were five or  
more victims.

608 560.123 (8) (b) 1. 3rd Failure to report currency  
or payment instruments  
exceeding \$300 but less  
than \$20,000 by a money  
services business.

609 560.125 (5) (a) 3rd Money services business by  
unauthorized person,  
currency or payment  
instruments exceeding \$300  
but less than \$20,000.

655.50 (10) (b) 1. 3rd Failure to report  
financial transactions

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exceeding \$300 but less than \$20,000 by financial institution.

610

775.21(10)(a)

3rd

Sexual predator; failure to register; failure to renew driver license or identification card; other registration violations.

611

775.21(10)(b)

3rd

Sexual predator working where children regularly congregate.

612

775.21(10)(g)

3rd

Failure to report or providing false information about a sexual predator; harbor or conceal a sexual predator.

613

782.051(3)

2nd

Attempted felony murder of a person by a person other than the perpetrator or the perpetrator of an attempted felony.

614

782.07(1)

2nd

Killing of a human being by the act, procurement, or culpable negligence of

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another (manslaughter).

615

782.071

2nd

Killing of a human being or unborn child by the operation of a motor vehicle in a reckless manner (vehicular homicide).

616

782.072

2nd

Killing of a human being by the operation of a vessel in a reckless manner (vessel homicide).

617

784.045 (1) (a) 1.

2nd

Aggravated battery; intentionally causing great bodily harm or disfigurement.

618

784.045 (1) (a) 2.

2nd

Aggravated battery; using deadly weapon.

619

784.045 (1) (b)

2nd

Aggravated battery; perpetrator aware victim pregnant.

620

784.048 (4)

3rd

Aggravated stalking; violation of injunction or court order.

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621

784.048 (7) 3rd Aggravated stalking;  
violation of court order.

622

784.07 (2) (d) 1st Aggravated battery on law  
enforcement officer.

623

784.074 (1) (a) 1st Aggravated battery on  
sexually violent predators  
facility staff.

624

784.08 (2) (a) 1st Aggravated battery on a  
person 65 years of age or  
older.

625

784.081 (1) 1st Aggravated battery on  
specified official or  
employee.

626

784.082 (1) 1st Aggravated battery by  
detained person on visitor  
or other detainee.

627

784.083 (1) 1st Aggravated battery on code  
inspector.

628

787.06 (3) (a) 2. 1st Human trafficking using  
coercion for labor and  
services of an adult.

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629

787.06(3)(e)2.

1st

Human trafficking using coercion for labor and services by the transfer or transport of an adult from outside Florida to within the state.

630

790.07(4)

1st

Specified weapons violation subsequent to previous conviction of s. 790.07(1) or (2).

631

790.16(1)

1st

Discharge of a machine gun under specified circumstances.

632

790.165(2)

2nd

Manufacture, sell, possess, or deliver hoax bomb.

633

790.165(3)

2nd

Possessing, displaying, or threatening to use any hoax bomb while committing or attempting to commit a felony.

634

790.166(3)

2nd

Possessing, selling, using, or attempting to

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use a hoax weapon of mass  
destruction.

635

790.166(4)

2nd

Possessing, displaying, or  
threatening to use a hoax  
weapon of mass destruction  
while committing or  
attempting to commit a  
felony.

636

790.23

1st, PBL

Possession of a firearm by  
a person who qualifies for  
the penalty enhancements  
provided for in s. 874.04.

637

794.08(4)

3rd

Female genital mutilation;  
consent by a parent,  
guardian, or a person in  
custodial authority to a  
victim younger than 18  
years of age.

638

796.05(1)

1st

Live on earnings of a  
prostitute; 2nd offense.

639

796.05(1)

1st

Live on earnings of a  
prostitute; 3rd and  
subsequent offense.

640

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641

800.04 (5) (c) 1.

2nd

Lewd or lascivious molestation; victim younger than 12 years of age; offender younger than 18 years of age.

642

800.04 (5) (c) 2.

2nd

Lewd or lascivious molestation; victim 12 years of age or older but younger than 16 years of age; offender 18 years of age or older.

643

800.04 (5) (e)

1st

Lewd or lascivious molestation; victim 12 years of age or older but younger than 16 years; offender 18 years or older; prior conviction for specified sex offense.

644

806.01 (2)

2nd

Maliciously damage structure by fire or explosive.

645

810.02 (3) (a)

2nd

Burglary of occupied dwelling; unarmed; no assault or battery.

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646	810.02 (3) (b)	2nd	Burglary of unoccupied dwelling; unarmed; no assault or battery.
647	810.02 (3) (d)	2nd	Burglary of occupied conveyance; unarmed; no assault or battery.
648	810.02 (3) (e)	2nd	Burglary of authorized emergency vehicle.
649	812.014 (2) (a) 1.	1st	Property stolen, valued at \$100,000 or more or a semitrailer deployed by a law enforcement officer; property stolen while causing other property damage; 1st degree grand theft.
650	812.014 (2) (b) 2.	2nd	Property stolen, cargo valued at less than \$50,000, grand theft in 2nd degree.
651	812.014 (2) (b) 3.	2nd	Property stolen, emergency medical equipment; 2nd degree grand theft.

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652	812.014 (2) (b) 4.	2nd	Property stolen, law enforcement equipment from authorized emergency vehicle.
653	812.0145 (2) (a)	1st	Theft from person 65 years of age or older; \$50,000 or more.
654	812.019 (2)	1st	Stolen property; initiates, organizes, plans, etc., the theft of property and traffics in stolen property.
655	812.131 (2) (a)	2nd	Robbery by sudden snatching.
656	812.133 (2) (b)	1st	Carjacking; no firearm, deadly weapon, or other weapon.
657	817.034 (4) (a) 1.	1st	Communications fraud, value greater than \$50,000.
	817.234 (8) (a)	2nd	Solicitation of motor vehicle accident victims with intent to defraud.

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658

817.234 (9) 2nd Organizing, planning, or participating in an intentional motor vehicle collision.

659

817.234 (11) (c) 1st Insurance fraud; property value \$100,000 or more.

660

817.2341 1st Making false entries of material fact or false statements regarding property values relating to the solvency of an insuring entity which are a significant cause of the insolvency of that entity.

661

817.535 (2) (a) 3rd Filing false lien or other unauthorized document.

662

817.611 (2) (b) 2nd Traffic in or possess 15 to 49 counterfeit credit cards or related documents.

663

825.102 (3) (b) 2nd Neglecting an elderly person or disabled adult causing great bodily harm,

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disability, or  
disfigurement.

664

825.103 (3) (b)

2nd

Exploiting an elderly person or disabled adult and property is valued at \$10,000 or more, but less than \$50,000.

665

827.03 (2) (b)

2nd

Neglect of a child causing great bodily harm, disability, or disfigurement.

666

827.04 (3)

3rd

Impregnation of a child under 16 years of age by person 21 years of age or older.

667

837.05 (2)

3rd

Giving false information about alleged capital felony to a law enforcement officer.

668

838.015

2nd

Bribery.

669

838.016

2nd

Unlawful compensation or reward for official behavior.

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670	838.021 (3) (a)	2nd	Unlawful harm to a public servant.
671	838.22	2nd	Bid tampering.
672	843.0855 (2)	3rd	Impersonation of a public officer or employee.
673	843.0855 (3)	3rd	Unlawful simulation of legal process.
674	843.0855 (4)	3rd	Intimidation of a public officer or employee.
675	847.0135 (3)	3rd	Solicitation of a child, via a computer service, to commit an unlawful sex act.
676	847.0135 (4)	2nd	Traveling to meet a minor to commit an unlawful sex act.
677	872.06	2nd	Abuse of a dead human body.
678	874.05 (2) (b)	1st	Encouraging or recruiting person under 13 to join a

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criminal gang; second or subsequent offense.

679

874.10

1st, PBL

Knowingly initiates, organizes, plans, finances, directs, manages, or supervises criminal gang-related activity.

680

893.13(1)(c)1.

1st

Sell, manufacture, or deliver cocaine (or other drug prohibited under s. 893.03(1)(a), (1)(b), (1)(d), (2)(a), (2)(b), or (2)(c)5.) within 1,000 feet of a child care facility, school, or state, county, or municipal park or publicly owned recreational facility or community center.

681

893.13(1)(e)1.

1st

Sell, manufacture, or deliver cocaine or other drug prohibited under s. 893.03(1)(a), (1)(b), (1)(d), (2)(a), (2)(b), or

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(2) (c) 5., within 1,000 feet of property used for religious services or a specified business site.

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893.13 (4) (a)

1st

Use or hire of minor; deliver to minor other controlled substance.

893.135 (1) (a) 1.

1st

Trafficking in cannabis, more than 25 lbs., less than 2,000 lbs.

893.135  
(1) (b) 1.a.

1st

Trafficking in cocaine, more than 28 grams, less than 200 grams.

893.135  
(1) (c) 1.a.

1st

Trafficking in illegal drugs, more than 4 grams, less than 14 grams.

893.135  
(1) (c) 2.a.

1st

Trafficking in hydrocodone, 28 grams or more, less than 50 grams.

893.135  
(1) (c) 2.b.

1st

Trafficking in hydrocodone, 50 grams or more, less than 100 grams.

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689	893.135 (1) (c) 3.a.	1st	Trafficking in oxycodone, 7 grams or more, less than 14 grams.
690	893.135 (1) (c) 3.b.	1st	Trafficking in oxycodone, 14 grams or more, less than 25 grams.
691	893.135 (1) (c) 4.b. (I)	1st	Trafficking in fentanyl, 4 grams or more, less than 14 grams.
692	893.135 (1) (d) 1.a.	1st	Trafficking in phencyclidine, 28 grams or more, less than 200 grams.
693	893.135 (1) (e) 1.	1st	Trafficking in methaqualone, 200 grams or more, less than 5 kilograms.
694	893.135 (1) (f) 1.	1st	Trafficking in amphetamine, 14 grams or more, less than 28 grams.
695	893.135 (1) (g) 1.a.	1st	Trafficking in flunitrazepam, 4 grams or more, less than 14 grams.

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893.135 (1) (h) 1.a.	1st	Trafficking in gamma-hydroxybutyric acid (GHB), 1 kilogram or more, less than 5 kilograms.
893.135 (1) (j) 1.a.	1st	Trafficking in 1,4-Butanediol, 1 kilogram or more, less than 5 kilograms.
893.135 (1) (k) 2.a.	1st	Trafficking in Phenethylamines, 10 grams or more, less than 200 grams.
893.135 (1) (m) 2.a.	1st	Trafficking in synthetic cannabinoids, 280 grams or more, less than 500 grams.
893.135 (1) (m) 2.b.	1st	Trafficking in synthetic cannabinoids, 500 grams or more, less than 1,000 grams.
893.135 (1) (n) 2.a.	1st	Trafficking in n-benzyl phenethylamines, 14 grams or more, less than 100 grams.

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702	893.1351 (2)	2nd	Possession of place for trafficking in or manufacturing of controlled substance.
703	896.101 (5) (a)	3rd	Money laundering, financial transactions exceeding \$300 but less than \$20,000.
704	896.104 (4) (a) 1.	3rd	Structuring transactions to evade reporting or registration requirements, financial transactions exceeding \$300 but less than \$20,000.
705	943.0435 (4) (c)	2nd	Sexual offender vacating permanent residence; failure to comply with reporting requirements.
706	943.0435 (8)	2nd	Sexual offender; remains in state after indicating intent to leave; failure to comply with reporting requirements.
706	943.0435 (9) (a)	3rd	Sexual offender; failure

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to comply with reporting requirements.

707

943.0435 (13)

3rd

Failure to report or providing false information about a sexual offender; harbor or conceal a sexual offender.

708

943.0435 (14)

3rd

Sexual offender; failure to report and reregister; failure to respond to address verification; providing false registration information.

709

944.607 (9)

3rd

Sexual offender; failure to comply with reporting requirements.

710

944.607 (10) (a)

3rd

Sexual offender; failure to submit to the taking of a digitized photograph.

711

944.607 (12)

3rd

Failure to report or providing false information about a sexual offender; harbor or conceal a sexual offender.

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712

944.607(13)

3rd

Sexual offender; failure to report and reregister; failure to respond to address verification; providing false registration information.

713

985.4815(10)

3rd

Sexual offender; failure to submit to the taking of a digitized photograph.

714

985.4815(12)

3rd

Failure to report or providing false information about a sexual offender; harbor or conceal a sexual offender.

715

985.4815(13)

3rd

Sexual offender; failure to report and reregister; failure to respond to address verification; providing false registration information.

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(h) LEVEL 8

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719

316.193  
(3) (c) 3.a.

2nd

DUI manslaughter.

720

316.1935 (4) (b)

1st

Aggravated fleeing or attempted eluding with serious bodily injury or death.

721

327.35 (3) (c) 3.

2nd

Vessel BUI manslaughter.

722

499.0051 (6)

1st

Knowing trafficking in contraband prescription drugs.

723

499.0051 (7)

1st

Knowing forgery of prescription labels or prescription drug labels.

724

560.123 (8) (b) 2.

2nd

Failure to report currency or payment instruments totaling or exceeding \$20,000, but less than \$100,000 by money transmitter.

725

560.125 (5) (b)

2nd

Money transmitter business by unauthorized person, currency or

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726

655.50 (10) (b) 2.

2nd

payment instruments  
totaling or exceeding  
\$20,000, but less than  
\$100,000.

727

777.03 (2) (a)

1st

Accessory after the fact,  
capital felony.

728

782.04 (4)

2nd

Killing of human without  
design when engaged in  
act or attempt of any  
felony other than arson,  
sexual battery, robbery,  
burglary, kidnapping,  
aggravated fleeing or  
eluding with serious  
bodily injury or death,  
aircraft piracy, or  
unlawfully discharging  
bomb.

729

782.051 (2)

1st

Attempted felony murder

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while perpetrating or attempting to perpetrate a felony not enumerated in s. 782.04(3).

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782.071(1)(b)

1st

Committing vehicular homicide and failing to render aid or give information.

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782.072(2)

1st

Committing vessel homicide and failing to render aid or give information.

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787.06(3)(a)1.

1st

Human trafficking for labor and services of a child.

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787.06(3)(b)

1st

Human trafficking using coercion for commercial sexual activity of an adult.

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787.06(3)(c)2.

1st

Human trafficking using coercion for labor and services of an unauthorized alien adult.

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736	787.06 (3) (e) 1.	1st	Human trafficking for labor and services by the transfer or transport of a child from outside Florida to within the state.
737	787.06 (3) (f) 2.	1st	Human trafficking using coercion for commercial sexual activity by the transfer or transport of any adult from outside Florida to within the state.
738	790.161 (3)	1st	Discharging a destructive device which results in bodily harm or property damage.
739	794.011 (5) (a)	1st	Sexual battery; victim 12 years of age or older but younger than 18 years; offender 18 years or older; offender does not use physical force likely to cause serious injury.
	794.011 (5) (b)	2nd	Sexual battery; victim

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and offender 18 years of age or older; offender does not use physical force likely to cause serious injury.

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794.011 (5) (c)

2nd

Sexual battery; victim 12 years of age or older; offender younger than 18 years; offender does not use physical force likely to cause injury.

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794.011 (5) (d)

1st

Sexual battery; victim 12 years of age or older; offender does not use physical force likely to cause serious injury; prior conviction for specified sex offense.

742

794.08 (3)

2nd

Female genital mutilation, removal of a victim younger than 18 years of age from this state.

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800.04 (4) (b)

2nd

Lewd or lascivious battery.

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800.04 (4) (c) 1st Lewd or lascivious battery; offender 18 years of age or older; prior conviction for specified sex offense.

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806.01 (1) 1st Maliciously damage dwelling or structure by fire or explosive, believing person in structure.

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810.02 (2) (a) 1st, PBL Burglary with assault or battery.

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810.02 (2) (b) 1st, PBL Burglary; armed with explosives or dangerous weapon.

748

810.02 (2) (c) 1st Burglary of a dwelling or structure causing structural damage or \$1,000 or more property damage.

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812.014 (2) (a) 2. 1st Property stolen; cargo valued at \$50,000 or more, grand theft in 1st

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degree.

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812.13 (2) (b)

1st

Robbery with a weapon.

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812.135 (2) (c)

1st

Home-invasion robbery, no  
firearm, deadly weapon,  
or other weapon.

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817.505 (4) (c)

1st

Patient brokering; 20 or  
more patients.

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817.535 (2) (b)

2nd

Filing false lien or  
other unauthorized  
document; second or  
subsequent offense.

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817.535 (3) (a)

2nd

Filing false lien or  
other unauthorized  
document; property owner  
is a public officer or  
employee.

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817.535 (4) (a) 1.

2nd

Filing false lien or  
other unauthorized  
document; defendant is  
incarcerated or under  
supervision.

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817.535 (5) (a)

2nd

Filing false lien or

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other unauthorized document; owner of the property incurs financial loss as a result of the false instrument.

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817.568 (6)

2nd

Fraudulent use of personal identification information of an individual under the age of 18.

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817.611 (2) (c)

1st

Traffic in or possess 50 or more counterfeit credit cards or related documents.

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825.102 (2)

1st

Aggravated abuse of an elderly person or disabled adult.

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825.1025 (2)

2nd

Lewd or lascivious battery upon an elderly person or disabled adult.

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825.103 (3) (a)

1st

Exploiting an elderly person or disabled adult and property is valued at \$50,000 or more.

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837.02 (2) 2nd Perjury in official proceedings relating to prosecution of a capital felony.

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837.021 (2) 2nd Making contradictory statements in official proceedings relating to prosecution of a capital felony.

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860.121 (2) (c) 1st Shooting at or throwing any object in path of railroad vehicle resulting in great bodily harm.

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860.16 1st Aircraft piracy.

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893.13 (1) (b) 1st Sell or deliver in excess of 10 grams of any substance specified in s. 893.03(1) (a) or (b).

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893.13 (2) (b) 1st Purchase in excess of 10 grams of any substance specified in s. 893.03(1) (a) or (b).

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768

893.13(6)(c) 1st Possess in excess of 10  
grams of any substance  
specified in s.  
893.03(1)(a) or (b).

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893.135(1)(a)2. 1st Trafficking in cannabis,  
more than 2,000 lbs.,  
less than 10,000 lbs.

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893.135 1st Trafficking in cocaine,  
(1)(b)1.b. more than 200 grams, less  
than 400 grams.

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893.135 1st Trafficking in illegal  
(1)(c)1.b. drugs, more than 14  
grams, less than 28  
grams.

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893.135 1st Trafficking in  
(1)(c)2.c. hydrocodone, 100 grams or  
more, less than 300  
grams.

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893.135 1st Trafficking in oxycodone,  
(1)(c)3.c. 25 grams or more, less  
than 100 grams.

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893.135 1st Trafficking in fentanyl,

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775 (1) (c) 4.b. (II) 14 grams or more, less than 28 grams.

776 893.135 1st Trafficking in phencyclidine, 200 grams or more, less than 400 grams.

777 893.135 1st Trafficking in methaqualone, 5 kilograms or more, less than 25 kilograms.

778 893.135 1st Trafficking in amphetamine, 28 grams or more, less than 200 grams.

779 893.135 1st Trafficking in flunitrazepam, 14 grams or more, less than 28 grams.

780 893.135 1st Trafficking in gamma-hydroxybutyric acid (GHB), 5 kilograms or more, less than 10 kilograms.

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781	893.135 (1) (j) 1.b.	1st	Trafficking in 1,4- Butanediol, 5 kilograms or more, less than 10 kilograms.
782	893.135 (1) (k) 2.b.	1st	Trafficking in Phenethylamines, 200 grams or more, less than 400 grams.
783	893.135 (1) (m) 2.c.	1st	Trafficking in synthetic cannabinoids, 1,000 grams or more, less than 30 kilograms.
784	893.135 (1) (n) 2.b.	1st	Trafficking in n-benzyl phenethylamines, 100 grams or more, less than 200 grams.
785	893.1351 (3)	1st	Possession of a place used to manufacture controlled substance when minor is present or resides there.
785	895.03 (1)	1st	Use or invest proceeds derived from pattern of racketeering activity.

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895.03 (2)

1st

Acquire or maintain through racketeering activity any interest in or control of any enterprise or real property.

895.03 (3)

1st

Conduct or participate in any enterprise through pattern of racketeering activity.

896.101 (5) (b)

2nd

Money laundering, financial transactions totaling or exceeding \$20,000, but less than \$100,000.

896.104 (4) (a) 2.

2nd

Structuring transactions to evade reporting or registration requirements, financial transactions totaling or exceeding \$20,000 but less than \$100,000.

(i) LEVEL 9

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	Florida Statute	Felony Degree	Description
793	316.193 (3) (c) 3.b.	1st	DUI manslaughter; failing to render aid or give information.
794	327.35 (3) (c) 3.b.	1st	BUI manslaughter; failing to render aid or give information.
795	409.920 (2) (b) 1.c.	1st	Medicaid provider fraud; \$50,000 or more.
796	499.0051 (8)	1st	Knowing sale or purchase of contraband prescription drugs resulting in great bodily harm.
797	560.123 (8) (b) 3.	1st	Failure to report currency or payment instruments totaling or exceeding \$100,000 by money transmitter.
798	560.125 (5) (c)	1st	Money transmitter business by unauthorized person, currency, or

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799	655.50 (10) (b) 3.	1st	payment instruments totaling or exceeding \$100,000.
800	775.0844	1st	Aggravated white collar crime.
801	782.04 (1)	1st	Attempt, conspire, or solicit to commit premeditated murder.
802	782.04 (3)	1st, PBL	Accomplice to murder in connection with arson, sexual battery, robbery, burglary, aggravated fleeing or eluding with serious bodily injury or death, and other specified felonies.
803	782.051 (1)	1st	Attempted felony murder while perpetrating or attempting to perpetrate

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a felony enumerated in s.  
782.04(3).

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782.07(2)

1st

Aggravated manslaughter  
of an elderly person or  
disabled adult.

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787.01(1)(a)1.

1st,PBL

Kidnapping; hold for  
ransom or reward or as a  
shield or hostage.

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787.01(1)(a)2.

1st,PBL

Kidnapping with intent to  
commit or facilitate  
commission of any felony.

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787.01(1)(a)4.

1st,PBL

Kidnapping with intent to  
interfere with  
performance of any  
governmental or political  
function.

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787.02(3)(a)

1st,PBL

False imprisonment; child  
under age 13; perpetrator  
also commits aggravated  
child abuse, sexual  
battery, or lewd or  
lascivious battery,  
molestation, conduct, or  
exhibition.



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794.011(2)

Life

Sexual battery; offender younger than 18 years and commits sexual battery on a person less than 12 years.

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794.011(4)(a)

1st, PBL

Sexual battery, certain circumstances; victim 12 years of age or older but younger than 18 years; offender 18 years or older.

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794.011(4)(b)

1st

Sexual battery, certain circumstances; victim and offender 18 years of age or older.

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794.011(4)(c)

1st

Sexual battery, certain circumstances; victim 12 years of age or older; offender younger than 18 years.

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794.011(4)(d)

1st, PBL

Sexual battery, certain circumstances; victim 12 years of age or older; prior conviction for

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specified sex offenses.

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794.011 (8) (b)

1st, PBL

Sexual battery; engage in sexual conduct with minor 12 to 18 years by person in familial or custodial authority.

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794.08 (2)

1st

Female genital mutilation; victim younger than 18 years of age.

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800.04 (5) (b)

Life

Lewd or lascivious molestation; victim less than 12 years; offender 18 years or older.

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812.13 (2) (a)

1st, PBL

Robbery with firearm or other deadly weapon.

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812.133 (2) (a)

1st, PBL

Carjacking; firearm or other deadly weapon.

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812.135 (2) (b)

1st

Home-invasion robbery with weapon.

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817.535 (3) (b)

1st

Filing false lien or other unauthorized

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document; second or subsequent offense; property owner is a public officer or employee.

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817.535 (4) (a) 2.

1st

Filing false claim or other unauthorized document; defendant is incarcerated or under supervision.

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817.535 (5) (b)

1st

Filing false lien or other unauthorized document; second or subsequent offense; owner of the property incurs financial loss as a result of the false instrument.

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817.568 (7)

2nd,  
PBL

Fraudulent use of personal identification information of an individual under the age of 18 by his or her parent, legal guardian, or person exercising custodial authority.

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827.03 (2) (a)	1st	Aggravated child abuse.
847.0145 (1)	1st	Selling, or otherwise transferring custody or control, of a minor.
847.0145 (2)	1st	Purchasing, or otherwise obtaining custody or control, of a minor.
859.01	1st	Poisoning or introducing bacteria, radioactive materials, viruses, or chemical compounds into food, drink, medicine, or water with intent to kill or injure another person.
893.135	1st	Attempted capital trafficking offense.
893.135 (1) (a) 3.	1st	Trafficking in cannabis, more than 10,000 lbs.
893.135 (1) (b) 1.c.	1st	Trafficking in cocaine, more than 400 grams, less than 150 kilograms.

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893.135 (1) (c) 1.c.	1st	Trafficking in illegal drugs, more than 28 grams, less than 30 kilograms.
893.135 (1) (c) 2.d.	1st	Trafficking in hydrocodone, 300 grams or more, less than 30 kilograms.
893.135 (1) (c) 3.d.	1st	Trafficking in oxycodone, 100 grams or more, less than 30 kilograms.
893.135 (1) (c) 4.b. (III)	1st	Trafficking in fentanyl, 28 grams or more.
893.135 (1) (d) 1.c.	1st	Trafficking in phencyclidine, 400 grams or more.
893.135 (1) (e) 1.c.	1st	Trafficking in methaqualone, 25 kilograms or more.
893.135 (1) (f) 1.c.	1st	Trafficking in amphetamine, 200 grams or more.

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845	893.135 (1) (h) 1.c.	1st	Trafficking in gamma-hydroxybutyric acid (GHB), 10 kilograms or more.
846	893.135 (1) (j) 1.c.	1st	Trafficking in 1,4-Butanediol, 10 kilograms or more.
847	893.135 (1) (k) 2.c.	1st	Trafficking in Phenethylamines, 400 grams or more.
848	893.135 (1) (m) 2.d.	1st	Trafficking in synthetic cannabinoids, 30 kilograms or more.
849	893.135 (1) (n) 2.c.	1st	Trafficking in n-benzyl phenethylamines, 200 grams or more.
850	896.101 (5) (c)	1st	Money laundering, financial instruments totaling or exceeding \$100,000.
850	896.104 (4) (a) 3.	1st	Structuring transactions to evade reporting or registration

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requirements, financial transactions totaling or exceeding \$100,000.

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852 (j) LEVEL 10

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Florida  
Statute

Felony  
Degree

Description

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499.0051(9)

1st

Knowing sale or purchase of contraband prescription drugs resulting in death.

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782.04(2)

1st,PBL

Unlawful killing of human; act is homicide, unpremeditated.

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782.07(3)

1st

Aggravated manslaughter of a child.

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787.01(1)(a)3.

1st,PBL

Kidnapping; inflict bodily harm upon or terrorize victim.

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787.01(3)(a)

Life

Kidnapping; child under age 13, perpetrator also commits aggravated child abuse, sexual battery,

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or lewd or lascivious  
battery, molestation,  
conduct, or exhibition.

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787.06(3)(g)

Life

Human trafficking for  
commercial sexual  
activity of a child  
under the age of 18 or  
mentally defective or  
incapacitated person.

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787.06(4)(a)

Life

Selling or buying of  
minors into human  
trafficking.

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794.011(3)

Life

Sexual battery; victim  
12 years or older,  
offender uses or  
threatens to use deadly  
weapon or physical force  
to cause serious injury.

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812.135(2)(a)

1st, PBL

Home-invasion robbery  
with firearm or other  
deadly weapon.

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1st

Treason against the  
state.

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865 Section 10. Section 921.0023, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 866 to read:

867 921.0023 Public Safety ~~Criminal Punishment~~ Code; ranking  
 868 unlisted felony offenses.—A felony offense committed on or after  
 869 October 1, 1998, that is not listed in s. 921.0022 is ranked  
 870 with respect to offense severity level by the Legislature,  
 871 commensurate with the harm or potential harm that is caused by  
 872 the offense to the community. Until the Legislature specifically  
 873 assigns an offense to a severity level in the offense severity  
 874 ranking chart, the severity level is within the following  
 875 parameters:

- 876 (1) A felony of the third degree within offense level 1.
- 877 (2) A felony of the second degree within offense level 4.
- 878 (3) A felony of the first degree within offense level 7.
- 879 (4) A felony of the first degree punishable by life within  
 880 offense level 9.
- 881 (5) A life felony within offense level 10.

882 Section 11. Section 921.0024, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 883 to read:

884 921.0024 Public Safety ~~Criminal Punishment~~ Code; worksheet  
 885 computations; scoresheets.—

886 (1) (a) The Public Safety ~~Criminal Punishment~~ Code worksheet  
 887 is used to compute the subtotal and total sentence points as  
 888 follows:

890 FLORIDA PUBLIC SAFETY ~~CRIMINAL PUNISHMENT~~ CODE

891 WORKSHEET

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 893 OFFENSE SCORE

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6	18	x	.....	=	.....
5	5.4	x	.....	=	.....
4	3.6	x	.....	=	.....
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Level	Sentence Points		Number		Total
2nd degree murder- death	240	x	....	=	....
Death	120	x	....	=	....
Severe	40	x	....	=	....
Moderate	18	x	....	=	....
Slight	4	x	....	=	....
Sexual penetration	80	x	....	=	....
Sexual contact	40	x	....	=	....

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Primary Offense + Additional Offenses + Victim Injury =  
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PRIOR RECORD SCORE

Prior Record

Level	Sentence Points		Number		Total
10	29	x	....	=	....
9	23	x	....	=	....
8	19	x	....	=	....
7	14	x	....	=	....
6	9	x	....	=	....
5	3.6	x	....	=	....
4	2.4	x	....	=	....
3	1.6	x	....	=	....
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PRIOR SERIOUS FELONY.....					
PRIOR CAPITAL FELONY.....					
FIREARM OR SEMIAUTOMATIC WEAPON.....					
					SUBTOTAL.....
PRISON RELEASEE REOFFENDER (no) (yes).....					
VIOLENT CAREER CRIMINAL (no) (yes).....					
HABITUAL VIOLENT OFFENDER (no) (yes).....					
HABITUAL OFFENDER (no) (yes).....					
DRUG TRAFFICKER (no) (yes) (x multiplier).....					
LAW ENF. PROTECT. (no) (yes) (x multiplier).....					
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT (no) (yes) (x multiplier).....					
CRIMINAL GANG OFFENSE (no) (yes) (x multiplier).....					
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE PRESENCE OF RELATED CHILD (no) (yes)					
(x multiplier).....					
ADULT-ON-MINOR SEX OFFENSE (no) (yes) (x multiplier).....					
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TOTAL SENTENCE POINTS.....

(b) WORKSHEET KEY:

Legal status points are assessed when any form of legal status existed at the time the offender committed an offense before the court for sentencing. Four (4) sentence points are assessed for an offender's legal status.

Community sanction violation points are assessed when a community sanction violation is before the court for sentencing. Six (6) sentence points are assessed for each community sanction violation and each successive community sanction violation, unless any of the following apply:

1. If the community sanction violation includes a new felony conviction before the sentencing court, twelve (12) community sanction violation points are assessed for the violation, and for each successive community sanction violation involving a new felony conviction.

2. If the community sanction violation is committed by a violent felony offender of special concern as defined in s. 948.06:

a. Twelve (12) community sanction violation points are assessed for the violation and for each successive violation of felony probation or community control where:

I. The violation does not include a new felony conviction; and

II. The community sanction violation is not based solely on the probationer or offender's failure to pay costs or fines or

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1008 make restitution payments.

1009       b. Twenty-four (24) community sanction violation points are  
1010 assessed for the violation and for each successive violation of  
1011 felony probation or community control where the violation  
1012 includes a new felony conviction.

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1014 Multiple counts of community sanction violations before the  
1015 sentencing court shall not be a basis for multiplying the  
1016 assessment of community sanction violation points.

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1018 Prior serious felony points: If the offender has a primary  
1019 offense or any additional offense ranked in level 8, level 9, or  
1020 level 10, and one or more prior serious felonies, a single  
1021 assessment of thirty (30) points shall be added. For purposes of  
1022 this section, a prior serious felony is an offense in the  
1023 offender's prior record that is ranked in level 8, level 9, or  
1024 level 10 under s. 921.0022 or s. 921.0023 and for which the  
1025 offender is serving a sentence of confinement, supervision, or  
1026 other sanction or for which the offender's date of release from  
1027 confinement, supervision, or other sanction, whichever is later,  
1028 is within 3 years before the date the primary offense or any  
1029 additional offense was committed.

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1031 Prior capital felony points: If the offender has one or more  
1032 prior capital felonies in the offender's criminal record, points  
1033 shall be added to the subtotal sentence points of the offender  
1034 equal to twice the number of points the offender receives for  
1035 the primary offense and any additional offense. A prior capital  
1036 felony in the offender's criminal record is a previous capital

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1037 felony offense for which the offender has entered a plea of nolo  
1038 contendere or guilty or has been found guilty; or a felony in  
1039 another jurisdiction which is a capital felony in that  
1040 jurisdiction, or would be a capital felony if the offense were  
1041 committed in this state.

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1043 Possession of a firearm, semiautomatic firearm, or machine gun:  
1044 If the offender is convicted of committing or attempting to  
1045 commit any felony other than those enumerated in s. 775.087(2)  
1046 while having in his or her possession: a firearm as defined in  
1047 s. 790.001(6), an additional eighteen (18) sentence points are  
1048 assessed; or if the offender is convicted of committing or  
1049 attempting to commit any felony other than those enumerated in  
1050 s. 775.087(3) while having in his or her possession a  
1051 semiautomatic firearm as defined in s. 775.087(3) or a machine  
1052 gun as defined in s. 790.001(9), an additional twenty-five (25)  
1053 sentence points are assessed.

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1055 Sentencing multipliers:

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1057 Drug trafficking: If the primary offense is drug trafficking  
1058 under s. 893.135, the subtotal sentence points are multiplied,  
1059 at the discretion of the court, for a level 7 or level 8  
1060 offense, by 1.5. The state attorney may move the sentencing  
1061 court to reduce or suspend the sentence of a person convicted of  
1062 a level 7 or level 8 offense, if the offender provides  
1063 substantial assistance as described in s. 893.135(4).

1064  
1065 Law enforcement protection: If the primary offense is a

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1066 violation of the Law Enforcement Protection Act under s.  
1067 775.0823(2), (3), or (4), the subtotal sentence points are  
1068 multiplied by 2.5. If the primary offense is a violation of s.  
1069 775.0823(5), (6), (7), (8), or (9), the subtotal sentence points  
1070 are multiplied by 2.0. If the primary offense is a violation of  
1071 s. 784.07(3) or s. 775.0875(1), or of the Law Enforcement  
1072 Protection Act under s. 775.0823(10) or (11), the subtotal  
1073 sentence points are multiplied by 1.5.

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1075 Grand theft of a motor vehicle: If the primary offense is grand  
1076 theft of the third degree involving a motor vehicle and in the  
1077 offender's prior record, there are three or more grand thefts of  
1078 the third degree involving a motor vehicle, the subtotal  
1079 sentence points are multiplied by 1.5.

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1081 Offense related to a criminal gang: If the offender is convicted  
1082 of the primary offense and committed that offense for the  
1083 purpose of benefiting, promoting, or furthering the interests of  
1084 a criminal gang as defined in s. 874.03, the subtotal sentence  
1085 points are multiplied by 1.5. If applying the multiplier results  
1086 in the lowest permissible sentence exceeding the statutory  
1087 maximum sentence for the primary offense under chapter 775, the  
1088 court may not apply the multiplier and must sentence the  
1089 defendant to the statutory maximum sentence.

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1091 Domestic violence in the presence of a child: If the offender is  
1092 convicted of the primary offense and the primary offense is a  
1093 crime of domestic violence, as defined in s. 741.28, which was  
1094 committed in the presence of a child under 16 years of age who

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1095 is a family or household member as defined in s. 741.28(3) with  
1096 the victim or perpetrator, the subtotal sentence points are  
1097 multiplied by 1.5.

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1099 Adult-on-minor sex offense: If the offender was 18 years of age  
1100 or older and the victim was younger than 18 years of age at the  
1101 time the offender committed the primary offense, and if the  
1102 primary offense was an offense committed on or after October 1,  
1103 2014, and is a violation of s. 787.01(2) or s. 787.02(2), if the  
1104 violation involved a victim who was a minor and, in the course  
1105 of committing that violation, the defendant committed a sexual  
1106 battery under chapter 794 or a lewd act under s. 800.04 or s.  
1107 847.0135(5) against the minor; s. 787.01(3)(a)2. or 3.; s.  
1108 787.02(3)(a)2. or 3.; s. 794.011, excluding s. 794.011(10); s.  
1109 800.04; or s. 847.0135(5), the subtotal sentence points are  
1110 multiplied by 2.0. If applying the multiplier results in the  
1111 lowest permissible sentence exceeding the statutory maximum  
1112 sentence for the primary offense under chapter 775, the court  
1113 may not apply the multiplier and must sentence the defendant to  
1114 the statutory maximum sentence.

1115 (2) The lowest permissible sentence is the minimum sentence  
1116 that may be imposed by the trial court, absent a valid reason  
1117 for departure. The lowest permissible sentence is any nonstate  
1118 prison sanction in which the total sentence points equals or is  
1119 less than 44 points, unless the court determines within its  
1120 discretion that a prison sentence, which may be up to the  
1121 statutory maximums for the offenses committed, is appropriate.  
1122 When the total sentence points exceeds 44 points, the lowest  
1123 permissible sentence in prison months shall be calculated by

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1124 subtracting 28 points from the total sentence points and  
1125 decreasing the remaining total by 25 percent. The total sentence  
1126 points shall be calculated only as a means of determining the  
1127 lowest permissible sentence. The permissible range for  
1128 sentencing shall be the lowest permissible sentence up to and  
1129 including the statutory maximum, as defined in s. 775.082, for  
1130 the primary offense and any additional offenses before the court  
1131 for sentencing. The sentencing court may impose such sentences  
1132 concurrently or consecutively. However, any sentence to state  
1133 prison must exceed 1 year. If the lowest permissible sentence  
1134 under the code exceeds the statutory maximum sentence as  
1135 provided in s. 775.082, the sentence required by the code must  
1136 be imposed. If the total sentence points are greater than or  
1137 equal to 363, the court may sentence the offender to life  
1138 imprisonment. An offender sentenced to life imprisonment under  
1139 this section is not eligible for any form of discretionary early  
1140 release, except executive clemency or conditional medical  
1141 release under s. 947.149.

1142 (3) A single digitized scoresheet shall be prepared for  
1143 each defendant to determine the permissible range for the  
1144 sentence that the court may impose, except that if the defendant  
1145 is before the court for sentencing for more than one felony and  
1146 the felonies were committed under more than one version or  
1147 revision of the guidelines or the code, separate digitized  
1148 scoresheets must be prepared. The scoresheet or scoresheets must  
1149 cover all the defendant's offenses pending before the court for  
1150 sentencing. The state attorney shall prepare the digitized  
1151 scoresheet or scoresheets, which must be presented to the  
1152 defense counsel for review for accuracy in all cases unless the

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1153 judge directs otherwise. The defendant's scoresheet or  
1154 scoresheets must be approved and signed by the sentencing judge.

1155 (4) The Department of Corrections, in consultation with the  
1156 Office of the State Courts Administrator, state attorneys, and  
1157 public defenders, must develop and submit the revised digitized  
1158 Public Safety ~~Criminal Punishment~~ Code scoresheet to the Supreme  
1159 Court for approval by June 15 of each year, as necessary. The  
1160 digitized scoresheet shall have individual, structured data  
1161 cells for each data field on the scoresheet. Upon the Supreme  
1162 Court's approval of the revised digitized scoresheet, the  
1163 Department of Corrections shall produce and provide the revised  
1164 digitized scoresheets by September 30 of each year, as  
1165 necessary. Digitized scoresheets must include individual data  
1166 cells to indicate whether any prison sentence imposed includes a  
1167 mandatory minimum sentence or the sentence imposed was a  
1168 downward departure from the lowest permissible sentence under  
1169 the Public Safety ~~Criminal Punishment~~ Code.

1170 (5) The Department of Corrections shall make available the  
1171 digitized Public Safety ~~Criminal Punishment~~ Code scoresheets to  
1172 those persons charged with the responsibility for preparing  
1173 scoresheets.

1174 (6) The clerk of the circuit court shall transmit a  
1175 complete and accurate digitized copy of the Public Safety  
1176 ~~Criminal Punishment~~ Code scoresheet used in each sentencing  
1177 proceeding to the Department of Corrections. Scoresheets must be  
1178 electronically transmitted no less frequently than monthly, by  
1179 the first of each month, and may be sent collectively.

1180 (7) A digitized sentencing scoresheet must be prepared for  
1181 every defendant who is sentenced for a felony offense. The

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1182 individual offender's digitized Public Safety ~~Criminal~~  
1183 ~~Punishment~~ Code scoresheet and any attachments thereto prepared  
1184 pursuant to Rule 3.701, Rule 3.702, or Rule 3.703, Florida Rules  
1185 of Criminal Procedure, or any other rule pertaining to the  
1186 preparation and submission of felony sentencing scoresheets,  
1187 must be included with the uniform judgment and sentence form  
1188 provided to the Department of Corrections.

1189 Section 12. Section 921.0025, Florida Statutes, is amended  
1190 to read:

1191 921.0025 Adoption and implementation of revised sentencing  
1192 scoresheets.—Rules 3.701, 3.702, 3.703, and 3.988, Florida Rules  
1193 of Criminal Procedure, as revised by the Supreme Court, and any  
1194 other rule pertaining to the preparation and submission of  
1195 felony sentencing scoresheets, are adopted and implemented in  
1196 accordance with this chapter for application to the Public  
1197 Safety ~~Criminal Punishment~~ Code.

1198 Section 13. Paragraph (m) of subsection (2) of section  
1199 921.0026, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1200 921.0026 Mitigating circumstances.—This section applies to  
1201 any felony offense, except any capital felony, committed on or  
1202 after October 1, 1998.

1203 (2) Mitigating circumstances under which a departure from  
1204 the lowest permissible sentence is reasonably justified include,  
1205 but are not limited to:

1206 (m) The defendant's offense is a nonviolent felony, the  
1207 defendant's Public Safety ~~Criminal Punishment~~ Code scoresheet  
1208 total sentence points under s. 921.0024 are 60 points or fewer,  
1209 and the court determines that the defendant is amenable to the  
1210 services of a postadjudicatory treatment-based drug court

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1211 program and is otherwise qualified to participate in the program  
1212 as part of the sentence. For purposes of this paragraph, the  
1213 term "nonviolent felony" has the same meaning as provided in s.  
1214 948.08(6).

1215 Section 14. Section 921.0027, Florida Statutes, is amended  
1216 to read:

1217 921.0027 Public Safety Criminal Punishment Code and  
1218 revisions; applicability.—The Florida Public Safety Criminal  
1219 Punishment Code applies to all felonies, except capital  
1220 felonies, committed on or after October 1, 1998. Any revision to  
1221 the Public Safety Criminal Punishment Code applies to sentencing  
1222 for all felonies, except capital felonies, committed on or after  
1223 the effective date of the revision. Felonies, except capital  
1224 felonies, with continuing dates of enterprise shall be sentenced  
1225 under the Public Safety Criminal Punishment Code in effect on  
1226 the beginning date of the criminal activity.

1227 Section 15. Subsection (1) of section 924.06, Florida  
1228 Statutes, is amended to read:

1229 924.06 Appeal by defendant.—

1230 (1) A defendant may appeal from:

1231 (a) A final judgment of conviction when probation has not  
1232 been granted under chapter 948, except as provided in subsection  
1233 (3);

1234 (b) An order granting probation under chapter 948;

1235 (c) An order revoking probation under chapter 948;

1236 (d) A sentence, on the ground that it is illegal; or

1237 (e) A sentence imposed under s. 921.0024 of the Public  
1238 Safety Criminal Punishment Code which exceeds the statutory  
1239 maximum penalty provided in s. 775.082 for an offense at

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1240 conviction, or the consecutive statutory maximums for offenses  
1241 at conviction, unless otherwise provided by law.

1242 Section 16. Paragraph (i) of subsection (1) of section  
1243 924.07, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1244 924.07 Appeal by state.—

1245 (1) The state may appeal from:

1246 (i) A sentence imposed below the lowest permissible  
1247 sentence established by the Public Safety ~~Criminal Punishment~~  
1248 Code under chapter 921.

1249 Section 17. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) and paragraph  
1250 (e) of subsection (5) of section 944.17, Florida Statutes, are  
1251 amended to read:

1252 944.17 Commitments and classification; transfers.—

1253 (3)

1254 (c)1. When the highest ranking offense for which the  
1255 prisoner is convicted is a felony, the trial court shall  
1256 sentence the prisoner pursuant to the Public Safety ~~Criminal~~  
1257 ~~Punishment~~ Code in chapter 921.

1258 2. When the highest ranking offense for which the prisoner  
1259 is convicted is a misdemeanor, the trial court shall sentence  
1260 the prisoner pursuant to s. 775.082(4).

1261 (5) The department shall also refuse to accept a person  
1262 into the state correctional system unless the following  
1263 documents are presented in a completed form by the sheriff or  
1264 chief correctional officer, or a designated representative, to  
1265 the officer in charge of the reception process. The department  
1266 may, at its discretion, receive such documents electronically:

1267 (e) A copy of the Public Safety ~~Criminal Punishment~~ Code  
1268 scoresheet and any attachments thereto prepared pursuant to Rule

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1269 3.701, Rule 3.702, or Rule 3.703, Florida Rules of Criminal  
1270 Procedure, or any other rule pertaining to the preparation of  
1271 felony sentencing scoresheets.

1272  
1273 In addition, the sheriff or other officer having such person in  
1274 charge shall also deliver with the foregoing documents any  
1275 available presentence investigation reports as described in s.  
1276 921.231 and any attached documents. After a prisoner is admitted  
1277 into the state correctional system, the department may request  
1278 such additional records relating to the prisoner as it considers  
1279 necessary from the clerk of the court, the Department of  
1280 Children and Families, or any other state or county agency for  
1281 the purpose of determining the prisoner's proper custody  
1282 classification, gain-time eligibility, or eligibility for early  
1283 release programs. An agency that receives such a request from  
1284 the department must provide the information requested. The  
1285 department may, at its discretion, receive such information  
1286 electronically.

1287 Section 18. Paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of section  
1288 948.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1289 948.01 When court may place defendant on probation or into  
1290 community control.—

1291 (7) (a) Notwithstanding s. 921.0024 and effective for  
1292 offenses committed on or after July 1, 2009, the sentencing  
1293 court may place the defendant into a postadjudicatory treatment-  
1294 based drug court program if the defendant's Public Safety  
1295 ~~Criminal Punishment~~ Code scoresheet total sentence points under  
1296 s. 921.0024 are 60 points or fewer, the offense is a nonviolent  
1297 felony, the defendant is amenable to substance abuse treatment,

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1298 and the defendant otherwise qualifies under s. 397.334(3). The  
1299 satisfactory completion of the program shall be a condition of  
1300 the defendant's probation or community control. As used in this  
1301 subsection, the term "nonviolent felony" means a third degree  
1302 felony violation under chapter 810 or any other felony offense  
1303 that is not a forcible felony as defined in s. 776.08.

1304 Section 19. Section 948.015, Florida Statutes, is amended  
1305 to read:

1306 948.015 Presentence investigation reports.—The circuit  
1307 court, when the defendant in a criminal case has been found  
1308 guilty or has entered a plea of nolo contendere or guilty and  
1309 has a lowest permissible sentence under the Public Safety  
1310 ~~Criminal Punishment~~ Code of any nonstate prison sanction, may  
1311 refer the case to the department for investigation or  
1312 recommendation. Upon such referral, the department shall make  
1313 the following report in writing at a time specified by the court  
1314 prior to sentencing. The full report shall include:

1315 (1) A complete description of the situation surrounding the  
1316 criminal activity with which the offender has been charged,  
1317 including a synopsis of the trial transcript, if one has been  
1318 made; nature of the plea agreement, including the number of  
1319 counts waived, the pleas agreed upon, the sentence agreed upon,  
1320 and any additional terms of agreement; and, at the offender's  
1321 discretion, his or her version and explanation of the criminal  
1322 activity.

1323 (2) The offender's sentencing status, including whether the  
1324 offender is a first offender, a habitual or violent offender, a  
1325 youthful offender, or is currently on probation.

1326 (3) The offender's prior record of arrests and convictions.

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- 1327 (4) The offender's educational background.
- 1328 (5) The offender's employment background, including any  
1329 military record, present employment status, and occupational  
1330 capabilities.
- 1331 (6) The offender's financial status, including total  
1332 monthly income and estimated total debts.
- 1333 (7) The social history of the offender, including his or  
1334 her family relationships, marital status, interests, and  
1335 activities.
- 1336 (8) The residence history of the offender.
- 1337 (9) The offender's medical history and, as appropriate, a  
1338 psychological or psychiatric evaluation.
- 1339 (10) Information about the environments to which the  
1340 offender might return or to which the offender could be sent  
1341 should a sentence of nonincarceration or community supervision  
1342 be imposed by the court, and consideration of the offender's  
1343 plan concerning employment supervision and treatment.
- 1344 (11) Information about any resources available to assist  
1345 the offender, such as:
- 1346 (a) Treatment centers.
- 1347 (b) Residential facilities.
- 1348 (c) Career training programs.
- 1349 (d) Special education programs.
- 1350 (e) Services that may preclude or supplement commitment to  
1351 the department.
- 1352 (12) The views of the person preparing the report as to the  
1353 offender's motivations and ambitions and an assessment of the  
1354 offender's explanations for his or her criminal activity.
- 1355 (13) An explanation of the offender's criminal record, if

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1356 any, including his or her version and explanation of any  
1357 previous offenses.

1358 (14) A statement regarding the extent of any victim's loss  
1359 or injury.

1360 (15) A recommendation as to disposition by the court. The  
1361 department shall make a written determination as to the reasons  
1362 for its recommendation, and shall include an evaluation of the  
1363 following factors:

1364 (a) The appropriateness or inappropriateness of community  
1365 facilities, programs, or services for treatment or supervision  
1366 for the offender.

1367 (b) The ability or inability of the department to provide  
1368 an adequate level of supervision for the offender in the  
1369 community and a statement of what constitutes an adequate level  
1370 of supervision.

1371 (c) The existence of other treatment modalities which the  
1372 offender could use but which do not exist at present in the  
1373 community.

1374 Section 20. Paragraph (j) of subsection (2) of section  
1375 948.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1376 948.06 Violation of probation or community control;  
1377 revocation; modification; continuance; failure to pay  
1378 restitution or cost of supervision.—

1379 (2)

1380 (j)1. Notwithstanding s. 921.0024 and effective for  
1381 offenses committed on or after July 1, 2009, the court may order  
1382 the defendant to successfully complete a postadjudicatory  
1383 treatment-based drug court program if:

1384 a. The court finds or the offender admits that the offender

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1385 has violated his or her community control or probation;

1386 b. The offender's Public Safety Criminal Punishment Code  
1387 scoresheet total sentence points under s. 921.0024 are 60 points  
1388 or fewer after including points for the violation;

1389 c. The underlying offense is a nonviolent felony. As used  
1390 in this subsection, the term "nonviolent felony" means a third  
1391 degree felony violation under chapter 810 or any other felony  
1392 offense that is not a forcible felony as defined in s. 776.08;

1393 d. The court determines that the offender is amenable to  
1394 the services of a postadjudicatory treatment-based drug court  
1395 program;

1396 e. The court has explained the purpose of the program to  
1397 the offender and the offender has agreed to participate; and

1398 f. The offender is otherwise qualified to participate in  
1399 the program under the provisions of s. 397.334(3).

1400 2. After the court orders the modification of community  
1401 control or probation, the original sentencing court shall  
1402 relinquish jurisdiction of the offender's case to the  
1403 postadjudicatory treatment-based drug court program until the  
1404 offender is no longer active in the program, the case is  
1405 returned to the sentencing court due to the offender's  
1406 termination from the program for failure to comply with the  
1407 terms thereof, or the offender's sentence is completed.

1408 Section 21. Subsection (1) of section 948.20, Florida  
1409 Statutes, is amended to read:

1410 948.20 Drug offender probation.—

1411 (1) If it appears to the court upon a hearing that the  
1412 defendant is a chronic substance abuser whose criminal conduct  
1413 is a violation of s. 893.13(2)(a) or (6)(a), or other nonviolent

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1414 felony if such nonviolent felony is committed on or after July  
1415 1, 2009, and notwithstanding s. 921.0024, the defendant's Public  
1416 Safety ~~Criminal Punishment~~ Code scoresheet total sentence points  
1417 are 60 points or fewer, the court may either adjudge the  
1418 defendant guilty or stay and withhold the adjudication of guilt.  
1419 In either case, the court may also stay and withhold the  
1420 imposition of sentence and place the defendant on drug offender  
1421 probation or into a postadjudicatory treatment-based drug court  
1422 program if the defendant otherwise qualifies. As used in this  
1423 section, the term "nonviolent felony" means a third degree  
1424 felony violation under chapter 810 or any other felony offense  
1425 that is not a forcible felony as defined in s. 776.08.

1426 Section 22. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section  
1427 948.51, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1428 948.51 Community corrections assistance to counties or  
1429 county consortiums.—

1430 (2) ELIGIBILITY OF COUNTIES AND COUNTY CONSORTIUMS.—A  
1431 county, or a consortium of two or more counties, may contract  
1432 with the Department of Corrections for community corrections  
1433 funds as provided in this section. In order to enter into a  
1434 community corrections partnership contract, a county or county  
1435 consortium must have a public safety coordinating council  
1436 established under s. 951.26 and must designate a county officer  
1437 or agency to be responsible for administering community  
1438 corrections funds received from the state. The public safety  
1439 coordinating council shall prepare, develop, and implement a  
1440 comprehensive public safety plan for the county, or the  
1441 geographic area represented by the county consortium, and shall  
1442 submit an annual report to the Department of Corrections

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1443 concerning the status of the program. In preparing the  
1444 comprehensive public safety plan, the public safety coordinating  
1445 council shall cooperate with the juvenile justice circuit  
1446 advisory board established under s. 985.664 in order to include  
1447 programs and services for juveniles in the plan. To be eligible  
1448 for community corrections funds under the contract, the initial  
1449 public safety plan must be approved by the governing board of  
1450 the county, or the governing board of each county within the  
1451 consortium, and the Secretary of Corrections based on the  
1452 requirements of this section. If one or more other counties  
1453 develop a unified public safety plan, the public safety  
1454 coordinating council shall submit a single application to the  
1455 department for funding. Continued contract funding shall be  
1456 pursuant to subsection (5). The plan for a county or county  
1457 consortium must cover at least a 5-year period and must include:

1458 (c) Specific goals and objectives for reducing the  
1459 projected percentage of commitments to the state prison system  
1460 of persons with low total sentencing scores pursuant to the  
1461 Public Safety Criminal Punishment Code.

1462 Section 23. Subsection (3) of section 958.04, Florida  
1463 Statutes, is amended to read:

1464 958.04 Judicial disposition of youthful offenders.—

1465 (3) The provisions of this section shall not be used to  
1466 impose a greater sentence than the permissible sentence range as  
1467 established by the Public Safety Criminal Punishment Code  
1468 pursuant to chapter 921 unless reasons are explained in writing  
1469 by the trial court judge which reasonably justify departure. A  
1470 sentence imposed outside of the code is subject to appeal  
1471 pursuant to s. 924.06 or s. 924.07.

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1472 Section 24. Subsection (4) of section 985.465, Florida  
1473 Statutes, is amended to read:

1474 985.465 Juvenile correctional facilities or juvenile  
1475 prison.—A juvenile correctional facility or juvenile prison is a  
1476 physically secure residential commitment program with a  
1477 designated length of stay from 18 months to 36 months, primarily  
1478 serving children 13 years of age to 19 years of age or until the  
1479 jurisdiction of the court expires. Each child committed to this  
1480 level must meet one of the following criteria:

1481 (4) The child is at least 13 years of age at the time of  
1482 the disposition for the current offense, the child is eligible  
1483 for prosecution as an adult for the current offense, and the  
1484 current offense is ranked at level 7 or higher on the Public  
1485 Safety Criminal Punishment Code offense severity ranking chart  
1486 pursuant to s. 921.0022.

1487 Section 25. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.

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**The Florida Senate**  
**BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice

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**BILL:** CS/SB 574

**INTRODUCER:** Criminal Justice Committee; and Senators Brandes and Perry

**SUBJECT:** Conditional Aging Inmate Release

**DATE:** January 22, 2020      **REVISED:** \_\_\_\_\_

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE - Substantial Changes

**I. Summary:**

CS/SB 574 creates section 945.0912, Florida Statutes, to establish a conditional aging inmate release (CAIR) program within the Department of Corrections (DOC) with the purpose of determining whether such release is appropriate for eligible inmates, supervising the released inmates, and conducting revocation hearings.

The bill provides that an inmate is eligible for consideration for release under the CAIR program when the inmate has reached 70 years of age and has served at least 10 years on his or her term of imprisonment. The bill prohibits an inmate from being considered for release through the CAIR program if he or she has ever been found guilty of, regardless of adjudication, or entered a plea of nolo contendere or guilty to, or has been adjudicated delinquent for committing specified offenses.

The DOC must identify inmates who may be eligible for CAIR and, upon such identification, the DOC must refer such inmate to a panel, appointed by the Secretary for review and determination of release.

The panel must conduct a hearing to determine, by a majority, whether CAIR is appropriate for the inmate within 45 days after receiving the referral. The bill creates a process for an inmate who is denied CAIR by the panel to have the decision reviewed. The Secretary has the final decision about the appropriateness of the release on CAIR. If CAIR is approved, the inmate must

be released by the DOC to the community within a reasonable amount of time and is considered an aging releasee upon release to the community.

The bill requires that an inmate granted CAIR be released for a period equal to the length of time remaining on his or her term of imprisonment on the date the release is granted and to comply with all conditions of release the DOC imposes.

The bill establishes a specific process for the revocation of an aging releasee and provides that revocation may be based on the violation of any release conditions the DOC establishes, including, but not limited to, a new violation of law. Additionally, the bill authorizes the aging releasee to be detained when it is alleged that he or she has violated the conditions of the release, specifies a hearing process if the aging releasee elects to proceed with a revocation hearing, provides for the recommitment of an aging releasee whose CAIR has been revoked, and permits forfeiture of gain-time in certain instances.

As is provided for with the initial determination, the bill authorizes an aging releasee whose CAIR is revoked to have the revocation decision reviewed.

The bill authorizes the DOC to adopt rules as necessary to implement the act.

The Criminal Justice Impact Conference (CJIC) has not reviewed the bill at this time. However, the Office of Economic and Demographic Research has prepared a preliminary estimate of the bill, which determined that the bill will have a negative indeterminate prison bed impact (i.e. an unquantifiable decrease in prison beds).

The bill is effective October 1, 2020.

## **II. Present Situation:**

### **Aging Population Statistics**

In 2016, 49 million adults in the United States, or 15 percent of the population, were 65 or older.<sup>1</sup> It is estimated that the number will rise to approximately 98 million by 2060, which corresponds to approximately 25 percent of residents of the United States. The “baby boomers” generation<sup>2</sup> and post baby-boom generations will all be of advanced age by 2029, which is often defined as 55 years of age or older. A report published by the Institutes of Medicine in 2012 asserted that, by 2030, the population of adults over the age of 65 will reach 72.1 million. The report also estimated that approximately one in five persons in the elder population has a mental health or substance abuse disorder, such as depression, dementia, or related psychiatric and behavioral symptoms. Incarcerated men and women typically have physiological and mental health conditions that are associated with people at least a decade older, a phenomenon known as

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<sup>1</sup> The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, *Promoting Health for Older Adults*, September 13, 2019, available at <https://www.cdc.gov/chronicdisease/resources/publications/factsheets/promoting-health-for-older-adults.htm> (last visited December 5, 2019).

<sup>2</sup> The “baby boomer” generation is generally defined as persons born from 1946 through 1964. See Senior Living, *The Baby Boomer Generation*, available at <https://www.seniorliving.org/life/baby-boomers/> (last visited December 5, 2019).

“accelerated aging.” Therefore, an incarcerated person who is 50 or 55 years of age would exhibit health conditions comparable to a person who is 60 or 65 in the community. The occurrence of accelerated aging in the prison system is a result of many factors, including inadequate access to medical care before incarceration, substance abuse, the stress of incarceration, and a lack of appropriate health care during incarceration.<sup>3</sup>

### **Special Health Considerations for Aging Inmates**

Similarly to aging persons in the community, aging inmates are more likely to experience certain medical and health conditions, including, in part, dementia, impaired mobility, loss of hearing and vision, cardiovascular disease, cancer, osteoporosis, and other chronic conditions.<sup>4</sup> However, such ailments present special challenges within a prison environment and may result in the need for increased staffing levels and enhanced officer training.<sup>5</sup> Such aging inmates can also require structural accessibility adaptations, such as special housing and wheelchair ramps. For example, in Florida, four facilities serve relatively large populations of older inmates, which help meet special needs such as palliative and long-term care.<sup>6</sup>

### **Aging Inmate Statistics in Florida**

The DOC reports that the elderly inmate<sup>7</sup> population has increased by 353 inmates or 1.5 percent from June 30, 2017 to June 30, 2018 and that this trend has been steadily increasing over the last five years for an overall increase of 2,585 inmates or 12.5 percent.<sup>8</sup>

The DOC further reports that during Fiscal Year 2017-18, there were 3,594 aging inmates admitted to Florida prisons, which was a 2.8 percent decrease from Fiscal Year 2016-17. The majority of such inmates were admitted for violent offenses, property crimes, and drug offenses. The oldest male inmate admitted was 92 years of age with a conviction of manslaughter and the oldest female inmate admitted was 77 years of age with a conviction of drug trafficking.<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Yarnell, S., MD, PhD, Kirwin, P. MD, and Zonana, H. MD, *Geriatrics and the Legal System*, Journal of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law, November 2, 2017, p. 208-209, available at <http://jaapl.org/content/jaapl/45/2/208.full.pdf> (last visited December 5, 2019).

<sup>4</sup> McKillop, M. and McGaffey, F., The PEW Charitable Trusts, *Number of Older Prisoners Grows Rapidly, Threatening to Drive Up Prison Health Costs*, October 7, 2015, available at <https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/blogs/stateline/2015/10/07/number-of-older-prisoners-grows-rapidly-threatening-to-drive-up-prison-health-costs> (hereinafter cited as “PEW Trusts Older Prisoners Report”); See also Jaul, E. and Barron, J., *Frontiers in Public Health, Age-Related Diseases and Clinical and Public Health Implications for the 85 Years Old and Over Population*, December 11, 2017, available at <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5732407/>; HealthinAging.org, *A Guide to Geriatric Syndromes: Common and Often Related Medical Conditions in Older Adults*, available at <https://www.healthinaging.org/tools-and-tips/guide-geriatric-syndromes-common-and-often-related-medical-conditions-older-adults> (all sites last visited December 5, 2019).

<sup>5</sup> The PEW Charitable Trusts Older Prisoners Report.

<sup>6</sup> *Id.*

<sup>7</sup> Section 944.02(4), F.S., defines “elderly offender” to mean prisoners age 50 or older in a state correctional institution or facility operated by the DOC or the Department of Management Services.

<sup>8</sup> The DOC, *2017-18 Annual Report*, p. 19, available at [http://www.dc.state.fl.us/pub/annual/1718/FDC\\_AR2017-18.pdf](http://www.dc.state.fl.us/pub/annual/1718/FDC_AR2017-18.pdf) (last visited December 5, 2019).

<sup>9</sup> *Id.*, at p. 20.

As the population of aging inmates continues to increase, the cost to house and treat such inmates also substantially increases. The DOC reports that the episodes of outside care for aging inmates increased from 10,553 in Fiscal Year 2008-09 to 21,469 in Fiscal Year 2017-18 and further provided that outside care is generally more expensive than treatment provided within a prison facility.<sup>10</sup> The DOC reports that the cost of health care for the aging inmate population is very high compared to other inmates for many reasons, including, in part that aging inmates:

- Account for a majority of inpatient hospital days; and
- Have a longer length for an inpatient hospital stay than seen with younger inmate patients.<sup>11</sup>

### **Constitutional Requirement to Provide Healthcare to Inmates**

The United States Supreme Court has established that prisoners have a constitutional right to adequate medical care. The Court determined that it is a violation of the Eighth Amendment prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment for the state to deny a prisoner necessary medical care, or to display “deliberate indifference” to an inmate’s serious medical needs.<sup>12</sup>

Before the 1970s, prison health care operated without “standards of decency” and was frequently delivered by unqualified or overwhelmed providers, resulting in negligence and poor quality.<sup>13</sup> By January 1996, only three states had never been involved in major litigation challenging conditions in their prisons. A majority were under court order or consent decree to make improvements in some or all facilities.<sup>14</sup> The development of the correctional health care in Florida has been influenced by a class action lawsuit filed by inmates in 1972. The plaintiffs in *Costello v. Wainwright*<sup>15</sup> alleged that prison overcrowding and inadequate medical care were so severe that the resulting conditions amounted to cruel and unusual punishment. The overcrowding aspect of the case was settled in 1979, but the medical care issue continued to be litigated for years.<sup>16</sup>

The legal standard today for inmate medical care must be at “a level reasonably commensurate with modern medical science and of a quality acceptable within prudent professional standards” and “designed to meet routine and emergency medical, dental, and psychological or psychiatric care.”<sup>17</sup> Prisoners are entitled to access to care for diagnosis and treatment, a professional medical opinion, and administration of the prescribed treatment and such obligation persists even if some or all of the medical services are provided through the use of contractors. This is also the

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<sup>10</sup> *Id.*, at p. 21.

<sup>11</sup> *Id.*

<sup>12</sup> *Estelle v. Gamble*, 429 U.S. 97, 104 (1976).

<sup>13</sup> The PEW Charitable Trusts, Urahn, S. and Thompson, M., *Prison Health Care: Costs and Quality*, October 2017, p. 4, available at [https://www.pewtrusts.org/-/media/assets/2017/10/sfh\\_prison\\_health\\_care\\_costs\\_and\\_quality\\_final.pdf](https://www.pewtrusts.org/-/media/assets/2017/10/sfh_prison_health_care_costs_and_quality_final.pdf) (last visited December 5, 2019) (hereinafter cited as “The PEW Trusts Prison Health Care Cost Report”).

<sup>14</sup> *Id.* See also McDonald, D., *Medical Care in Prisons*, Crime and Justice, Vol. 26, 1999, p. 431, available at <https://www.journals.uchicago.edu/doi/abs/10.1086/449301> (last visited December 5, 2019); See also

*Newman et al. v. Alabama et al.*, 349 F. Supp. 278 (M.D. Ala. 1972).

<sup>15</sup> 430 U.S. 325 (1977).

<sup>16</sup> *Id.* The Correctional Medical Authority, FY 2017-18 Annual Report and Update on the Status of Elderly Offender’s in Florida’s Prisons, p. 1 (on file with the Senate Criminal Justice Committee). The Correctional Medical Authority was created in response to such federal litigation.

<sup>17</sup> The PEW Trusts Prison Health Care Cost Report, p. 4.

standard for state prisoners who are under the custody of private prisons or local jails. Recent cases have reinforced states' constitutional obligations.<sup>18</sup>

### ***The DOC's Duty to Provide Health Care***

The DOC is responsible for the inmates of the state correctional system and has supervisory and protective care, custody, and control of the inmates within its facilities.<sup>19</sup> The DOC has the constitutional and statutory imperative to provide adequate health services to state prison inmates directly related to this responsibility.<sup>20</sup> This medical care includes comprehensive medical, mental health, and dental services, and all associated ancillary services.<sup>21</sup> The DOC's Office of Health Service (OHS) oversees the delivery of health care services and handles statewide functions for such delivery. The OHS is led by the Director of Health Services, who reports to the Secretary.<sup>22</sup>

The DOC contracts with the Centurion of Florida, LLC (Centurion) to provide comprehensive statewide medical, mental health, dental services, and operates the department's reception medical center. The care provided is under a cost plus model. All inmates are screened at a DOC reception center upon arrival from the county jail. The purpose of this intake process is to determine the inmate's current medical, dental, and mental health care needs, which is achieved through assessments, in part, for auditory, mobility and vision disabilities, and the need for specialized mental health treatment.<sup>23</sup>

After the intake process is completed, inmates are assigned to an institution based on their medical and mental health needs and security requirements. The Centurion provides primary care using a staff of clinicians, nurses, mental health, and dental professionals and administrators within each major correctional institution. The health services team provides health care services in the dorms for inmates who are in confinement.<sup>24</sup>

### **Aging Inmate Discretionary Release**

Many states, the District of Columbia, and the federal government authorize discretionary release programs for certain inmates that are based on an inmate's age without regard to the medical condition of the inmate.<sup>25</sup> The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) reports such

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<sup>18</sup> *Id.*

<sup>19</sup> Sections 945.04(1) and 945.025(1), F.S.

<sup>20</sup> *Crews v. Florida Public Employers Council 79, AFSCME*, 113 So. 3d 1063 (Fla. 1st DCA 2013); *See also* s. 945.025(2), F.S.

<sup>21</sup> The DOC, Office of Health Services, available at <http://www.dc.state.fl.us/org/health.html> (last visited December 5, 2019).

<sup>22</sup> *Id.*

<sup>23</sup> *Id.* *See also* The DOC Annual Report, p. 19.

<sup>24</sup> *Id.*

<sup>25</sup> The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), *State Medical and Geriatric Parole Laws*, August 27, 2018, available at <http://www.ncsl.org/research/civil-and-criminal-justice/state-medical-and-geriatric-parole-laws.aspx> (hereinafter cited as "The NCSL Aging Inmate Statistics"); Code of the District of Columbia, *Section 24-465 Conditions for Geriatric Release*, available at <https://code.dccouncil.us/dc/council/code/sections/24-465.html>; Section 603(b) of the First Step Act, codified at 18 USC s. 3582. *See also* U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Prisons, *Compassionate Release/Reduction in Sentence: Procedures for Implementation of 18 U.S.C. Section 3582 and 4205(g)*, January 17, 2019, p. 6-7, available at [https://www.bop.gov/policy/progstat/5050\\_050\\_EN.pdf](https://www.bop.gov/policy/progstat/5050_050_EN.pdf) (all sites last visited December 5, 2019).

discretionary release based on age has been legislatively authorized in 17 states.<sup>26</sup> The NCSL also reports that such statutes typically require an inmate to be of a certain age and to have served either a specified number of years or a specified percentage of his or her sentence. The NCSL reports that Alabama has the lowest age for aging inmate discretionary release, which is 55 years of age, whereas most other states set the limit somewhere between 60 and 65. Additionally, some states do not set a specific age.<sup>27</sup>

Most states require a minimum of 10 years of an inmate's sentence to be served before being eligible for consideration for aging inmate discretionary release, but some states, such as California, set the minimum length of time served at 25 years.<sup>28</sup> Other states, such as Mississippi and Oklahoma, provide a term of years or a certain percentage of the sentence to be served.<sup>29</sup>

Inmates who are sentenced to death or serving a life sentence are typically ineligible for release. Some states specify that inmates must be sentenced for a non-violent offense or specify offenses which are not eligible for release consideration.

Florida does not currently address discretionary release based on an inmate's age alone.

### ***Federal First Step Act***

In December, 2018, the United States Congress passed, and President Trump signed into law, the "Formerly Incarcerated Reenter Society Transformed Safely Transitioning Every Person Act" or the "FIRST STEP Act."<sup>30</sup> The law makes a number of changes to the federal criminal justice system and procedures applicable to inmates in the Federal Bureau of Prisons, including, in part, modifying provisions related to compassionate release, which applies to the conditional release of medical inmates and aging inmates, to require inmates be informed of reduction in sentence availability and process.<sup>31</sup>

### **Gain-time**

Gain-time awards, which result in deductions to the court-ordered sentences of specified eligible inmates, are used to encourage satisfactory prisoner behavior or to provide incentives for prisoners to participate in productive activities while incarcerated.<sup>32</sup> An inmate is not eligible to

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<sup>26</sup> The NCSL Aging Inmate Statistics. Also, the NCSL states that at least 16 states have established both medical and aging inmate discretionary release programs legislatively and that Virginia is the only state that has aging inmate discretionary release but not medical discretionary release.

<sup>27</sup> *Id.*

<sup>28</sup> *Id.*

<sup>29</sup> The NCSL Aging Inmate Statistics.

<sup>30</sup> The First Step Act of 2018, Pub. L. No. 115-391 (2018).

<sup>31</sup> Section 603(b) of the First Step Act, codified at 18 USC s. 3582. See also U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Prisons, *Compassionate Release/Reduction in Sentence: Procedures for Implementation of 18 U.S.C. Section 3582 and 4205(g)*, January 17, 2019, p. 3-4, available at [https://www.bop.gov/policy/progstat/5050\\_050\\_EN.pdf](https://www.bop.gov/policy/progstat/5050_050_EN.pdf) (last visited December 5, 2019).

<sup>32</sup> Section 944.275(1), F.S. Section 944.275(4)(f), F.S., further provides that an inmate serving a life sentence is not able to earn gain-time. Additionally, an inmate serving the portion of his or her sentence that is included in an imposed mandatory minimum sentence or whose tentative release date is the same date as he or she achieves service of 85 percent of the sentence are not eligible to earn gain-time. Section 944.275(4)(e), F.S., also prohibits inmates committed to the DOC for specified sexual offenses committed on or after October 1, 2014, from earning incentive gain-time.

earn or receive gain-time in an amount that results in his or her release prior to serving a minimum of 85 percent of the sentence imposed.<sup>33</sup>

Basic gain-time, which automatically reduced an inmate's sentence by a designated amount each month, was eliminated for offenses committed on or after January 1, 1994.<sup>34</sup> The only forms of gain-time that can currently be earned are:

- Incentive gain-time;<sup>35</sup>
- Meritorious gain-time;<sup>36</sup> and
- Educational achievement gain-time.<sup>37</sup>

The procedure for applying gain-time awards to an inmate's sentence is dependent upon the calculation of a "maximum sentence expiration date" and a "tentative release date." The tentative release date may not be later than the maximum sentence expiration date.<sup>38</sup> The maximum sentence expiration date represents the date when the sentence or combined sentences imposed on a prisoner will expire. To calculate the maximum sentence expiration date, the DOC reduces the total time to be served by any time lawfully credited.<sup>39</sup>

The tentative release is the date projected for the prisoner's release from custody after gain-time is granted or forfeited in accordance with s. 944.275, F.S.<sup>40</sup> Gain-time is applied when granted or restored to make the tentative release date proportionately earlier; and forfeitures of gain-time, when ordered, are applied to make the tentative release date proportionately later.<sup>41</sup>

The DOC is authorized in certain circumstances to declare all gain-time earned by an inmate forfeited.<sup>42</sup>

### **Victim Input**

In 2018, the Florida voters approved Amendment 6 on the ballot, which provided certain rights to victims in the Florida Constitution. In part, Art. 1, s. 16, of the Florida Constitution, provides that a victim must have the following rights upon request:

- Reasonable, accurate, and timely notice of, and to be present at, all public proceedings involving the criminal conduct, including, but not limited to, trial, plea, sentencing, or

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<sup>33</sup> Section 944.275(4)(f), F.S.

<sup>34</sup> Chapter 93-406, L.O.F.

<sup>35</sup> Section 944.275(4)(b), F.S., provides that incentive gain-time is a total of up to ten days per month that may be awarded to inmates for institutional adjustment, performing work in a diligent manner, and actively participating in training and programs. The amount an inmate can earn is stable throughout the term of imprisonment and is based upon the date an offense was committed.

<sup>36</sup> Section 944.275(4)(c), F.S., provides that meritorious gain-time is awarded to an inmate who commits an outstanding deed or whose performance warrants additional credit, such as saving a life or assisting in recapturing an escaped inmate. The award may range from one day to 60 days and the statute does not prohibit an inmate from earning meritorious gain-time on multiple occasions if warranted.

<sup>37</sup> Section 944.275(4)(d), F.S., provides that educational gain-time is a one-time award of 60 days that is granted to an inmate who receives a General Education Development (GED) diploma or a certificate for completion of a vocational program.

<sup>38</sup> Section 944.275(3)(c), F.S.

<sup>39</sup> Section 944.275(2)(a), F.S.

<sup>40</sup> Section 944.275(3)(a), F.S.

<sup>41</sup> *Id.* See also s. 944.275(4)(b), F.S.

<sup>42</sup> Section 944.28(1), F.S.

adjudication, even if the victim will be a witness at the proceeding, notwithstanding any rule to the contrary.

- To be heard in any public proceeding involving pretrial or other release from any form of legal constraint, plea, sentencing, adjudication, or parole, and any proceeding during which a right of the victim is implicated.
- To be informed of the conviction, sentence, adjudication, place and time of incarceration, or other disposition of the convicted offender, any scheduled release date of the offender, and the release of or the escape of the offender from custody.
- To be informed of all postconviction processes and procedures, to participate in such processes and procedures, to provide information to the release authority to be considered before any release decision is made, and to be notified of any release decision regarding the offender.<sup>43</sup>

### III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The bill creates s. 945.0912, F.S., which establishes a conditional aging inmate release (CAIR) program within the DOC for the purpose of:

- Determining whether release is appropriate for eligible inmates;
- Supervising the released inmates; and
- Conducting revocation hearings.

The CAIR program must include a panel of at least three people appointed by the Secretary for the purpose of determining the appropriateness of CAIR and conducting revocation hearings on the inmate releases.

#### Eligibility Criteria

An inmate is eligible for consideration for release under the CAIR program when the inmate has reached 70 years of age and has served at least 10 years on his or her term of imprisonment.

An inmate may not be considered for release through the CAIR program if he or she has ever been found guilty of, regardless of adjudication, or entered a plea of nolo contendere or guilty to, or has been adjudicated delinquent for committing:

- A violation of any of certain offenses which result in the actual killing of a human being:
  - A violation of s. 775.33(4), F.S. (providing material support or resources for terrorism or to terrorist organizations that results in death);
  - A violation of s. 782.04(1) or (2), F.S. (murder in the first degree and murder in the second degree mentioned above, excluding felony murder in the second degree); or
  - A violation of s. 782.09, F.S. (killing of an unborn child by injury to the mother);
- An offense that requires registration as a sexual offender on the sexual offender registry in accordance with s. 943.0435, F.S.; or
- Any similar offense committed in another jurisdiction which would be an offense included in this list if it had been committed in violation of the laws of Florida.

<sup>43</sup> Art. 1, s. 16(b)(6)a., b., f., and g., FLA. CONST.

### **Referral Process**

The bill requires that any inmate in the custody of the DOC who is eligible must be considered for the CAIR program. However, the authority to grant CAIR rests solely with the DOC and an inmate does not have a right to release on CAIR pursuant to s. 945.0912, F.S.

The DOC must identify inmates who may be eligible for CAIR. In considering an inmate for the CAIR program, the DOC may require the production of additional evidence or any other additional investigations that the DOC deems necessary for determining the appropriateness of the eligible inmate's release.

Upon an inmate's identification as potentially eligible for release on CAIR, the DOC must refer such inmate to the panel described above for review and determination of release.

The bill requires the DOC to provide notice to a victim of the inmate's referral to the panel immediately upon identification of the inmate as potentially eligible for release on CAIR if the case that resulted in the inmate's commitment to the DOC involved a victim and such victim specifically requested notification pursuant to Art. 1, s. 16, of the Florida Constitution. Additionally, the victim must be afforded the right to be heard regarding the release of the inmate.

### **Determination of Release**

The bill requires the panel to conduct a hearing within 45 days after receiving the referral to determine whether CAIR is appropriate for the inmate. A majority of the panel members must agree that release on CAIR is appropriate for the inmate. If CAIR is approved, the inmate must be released by the DOC to the community within a reasonable amount of time with necessary release conditions imposed.

The bill provides that an inmate who is granted CAIR is considered an aging releasee upon release to the community.

An inmate who is denied CAIR by the panel may have the decision reviewed by the DOC's general counsel, who must make a recommendation to the Secretary. The Secretary must review all relevant information and make a final decision about the appropriateness of release on CAIR. The decision of the Secretary is a final administrative decision not subject to appeal.

Additionally, an inmate who is denied CAIR may be subsequently reconsidered for such release in a manner prescribed by department rule.

### **Release Conditions**

The bill requires that an inmate granted release on CAIR must be released for a period equal to the length of time remaining on his or her term of imprisonment on the date the release is granted. The aging releasee must comply with all reasonable conditions of release the DOC imposes, which must include, at a minimum:

- Supervision by an officer trained to handle special offender caseloads.

- Active electronic monitoring, if such monitoring is determined to be necessary to ensure the safety of the public and the releasee's compliance with release conditions.
- Any conditions of community control provided for in s. 948.101, F.S.
- Any other conditions the DOC deems appropriate to ensure the safety of the community and compliance by the aging releasee.

The bill provides that an aging releasee is considered to be in the care, custody, supervision, and control of the DOC and remains eligible to earn or lose gain-time in accordance with s. 944.275, F.S., and department rule. The aging releasee may not be counted in the prison system population, and the aging releasee's approved community-based housing location may not be counted in the capacity figures for the prison system.

### **Revocation Based on Violation of Conditions**

The bill provides that CAIR may be revoked for a violation of any release conditions the DOC establishes, including, but not limited to, a new violation of law. If the basis of the violation of release conditions is related to a new violation of law, the aging releasee must be detained without bond until his or her initial appearance at which a judicial determination of probable cause is made.

If the judge determines that there was no probable cause for the arrest, the aging releasee may be released. If the judge determines that there was probable cause for the arrest, the judge's probable cause determination constitutes reasonable grounds to believe that the aging releasee violated the conditions of the CAIR.

The bill requires the DOC to order that the aging releasee subject to revocation for a violation of conditions be returned to the custody of the DOC for a CAIR revocation hearing as prescribed by rule. A majority of the panel must agree that revocation is appropriate for the aging releasee's CAIR to be revoked.

The bill provides that an aging releasee who has his or her CAIR revoked due to a violation of conditions must serve the balance of his or her sentence with credit for the actual time served on CAIR. Additionally, any gain-time accrued before recommitment may be forfeited pursuant to s. 944.28(1), F.S. If the aging releasee whose CAIR is revoked would otherwise be eligible for parole or any other release program, he or she may be considered for such release program pursuant to law.

### **Review Process of Revocation Determination**

The bill authorizes an aging releasee whose CAIR is revoked based on either basis to have the revocation decision reviewed. The bill requires the DOC's general counsel to review the revocation decision and make a recommendation to the Secretary. The Secretary must review all relevant information and make a final decision about the appropriateness of the revocation of CAIR.

The bill provides that any decision of the Secretary related to a revocation decision is a final administrative decision not subject to appeal.

### **Revocation Hearing Process**

If the aging releasee is subject to revocation and elects to proceed with a hearing, the aging releasee must be informed orally and in writing of certain rights, including the releasee's:

- Alleged violation with which he or she is charged.
- Right to:
  - Be represented by counsel.<sup>44</sup>
  - Be heard in person.
  - Secure, present, and compel the attendance of witnesses relevant to the proceeding.
  - Produce documents on his or her own behalf.
  - Access all evidence used against the releasee and confront and cross-examine adverse witnesses.
  - Waive the hearing.

The bill authorizes the DOC to adopt rules as necessary to implement the act.

The bill amends ss. 316.1935, 775.084, 775.087, 784.07, 790.235, 794.0115, 893.135, 921.0024, 944.605, and 944.70, F.S., conforming these provisions to changes made by the Act.

The bill is effective October 1, 2020.

### **IV. Constitutional Issues:**

#### **A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:**

None.

#### **B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:**

None.

#### **C. Trust Funds Restrictions:**

None.

#### **D. State Tax or Fee Increases:**

None.

#### **E. Other Constitutional Issues:**

None Identified.

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<sup>44</sup> However, this bill explicitly provides that this does not create a right to publicly funded legal counsel.

**V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The Criminal Justice Impact Conference (CJIC) has not reviewed the bill at this time. However, the Office of Economic and Demographic Research (EDR) has prepared a preliminary estimate of the bill, which determined that the bill will have a negative indeterminate prison bed impact (i.e. an unquantifiable decrease in prison beds).<sup>45</sup>

The DOC reports that as of October 18, 2019, there are a total of 1,849 inmates age 70 or older in its custody and, based on the criteria set forth in the bill, only 168 of these inmates would currently meet eligibility criteria for consideration for CAIR. The DOC reports that an additional 291 inmates are projected to become eligible over the next five years. In addition, the DOC reports that the overall fiscal impact of the bill is indeterminate because release will be at the discretion of the DOC.<sup>46</sup>

Further, the DOC reports that when the inmate population is impacted in small increments statewide, the inmate variable per diem of \$20.04 is the most appropriate to use to determine the fiscal impact. The variable per diem includes costs more directly aligned with individual inmate care such as medical, food, inmate clothing, personal care items, etc. The DOC’s FY 17-18 average per diem for community supervision was \$5.47.<sup>47</sup>

The DOC also reports that it will need 2 additional staff for the Bureau of Classification Management to oversee, provide guidance, and coordinate the implementation and administration of the CAIR program as follows:

Correctional Program Consultant	\$64,277 (salary and benefits)
Correctional Services Asst Consultant	\$53,779 (salary and benefits)
	\$ 6,756 (recurring travel)
	\$ 8,858 (non-recurring travel)
	\$ 658 (human resources)

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<sup>45</sup> The Office of Economic and Demographic Research, *SB 574 Preliminary Estimate* (on file with the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice).

<sup>46</sup> The five highest occurring offenses of incarceration for these inmates are first or second degree murder (s. 782.04, F.S.), sexual battery on a victim under 12 (s. 794.011, F.S.), lewd or lascivious molestation on a victim under 12 (s. 800.04, F.S.), and robbery with a gun or deadly weapon (s. 812.13, F.S.). The DOC, *SB 574 Agency Analysis*, p. 1 and 4 (December 6, 2019)(on file with the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice) [hereinafter cited as “The DOC SB 574 Analysis”].

<sup>47</sup> The DOC SB 574 Analysis, p. 5.

This equates to \$125,470 recurring and \$8,858 non-recurring General Revenue.<sup>48</sup> Lastly, the DOC reports it will have a technology impact of \$17,400, which is related to programming needed for the Offender Based Information System and Criminal Punishment Code impact.<sup>49</sup>

### **Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

### **VI. Related Issues:**

The bill creates a panel with decision-making authority, which may require the panel to comply with the statutory requirements of ch. 286, F.S. (relating to public meetings). Chapter 286, F.S., requires certain meetings to be open to the public unless specifically exempted. Additionally, the DOC is a covered entity for purposes of the Health Insurance Portability and Protection Act (HIPAA)<sup>50</sup> and it is possible that such information could be discussed at a CAIR hearing or revocation hearing. The bill is silent as to whether the panel is subject to the public meetings requirements of ch. 286, F.S., or how HIPPA information would be handled in such hearings.

### **VII. Statutes Affected:**

This bill creates section 945.0912 of the Florida Statutes.

This bill substantially amends the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 316.1935, 775.084, 775.087, 784.07, 790.235, 794.0115, 893.135, 921.0024, 944.605, and 944.70.

### **VIII. Additional Information:**

- A. **Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:**  
(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

#### **CS by Criminal Justice on December 10, 2019:**

The committee substitute:

- Ensures that an inmate granted CAIR is released into the community within a reasonable amount of time;
- Makes some technical changes, including, in part, ensuring consistency with the terms used to describe an inmate who has been approved for CAIR and released into the community;

<sup>48</sup> Department of Corrections Fiscal Impact Worksheet, January 17, 2020 (on file with the Committee).

<sup>49</sup> The DOC SB 574 Analysis, p. 5.

<sup>50</sup> The HIPAA and the Privacy Rule provide uniform federal protection for the privacy rights of individuals over their health information. HIPAA and the Privacy Rule protect the privacy rights of individuals over their health information, grant individuals access to their health information, and allow individuals to amend their health information under specified circumstances. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Information Privacy, available at <https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-individuals/index.html> (last visited December 9, 2019). See also 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164. Additionally, the U.S. Supreme Court has recognized a limited constitutional protection of personal health information and recognized an individual's interest in avoiding the disclosure of personal matters within the context of medical information. See *Whalen v. Roe*, 429 U.S. 589 (1977).

- Amends a number of relevant sections to ensure the changes made by the act are incorporated; and
- Makes the effective date October 1, 2020.

**B. Amendments:**

None.

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This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.

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By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senators Brandes and Perry

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to conditional aging inmate release;  
3       creating s. 945.0912, F.S.; establishing the  
4       conditional aging inmate release program within the  
5       Department of Corrections; establishing a panel to  
6       consider specified matters; providing for program  
7       eligibility; requiring that an inmate who meets  
8       certain criteria be considered for conditional aging  
9       inmate release; providing that the inmate does not  
10      have a right to release; requiring the department to  
11      identify eligible inmates; requiring the department to  
12      refer an inmate to the panel for consideration;  
13      providing victim notification requirements under  
14      certain circumstances; requiring the panel to conduct  
15      a hearing within a specified timeframe; providing  
16      requirements for the hearing; providing that an inmate  
17      who is approved for conditional aging inmate release  
18      must be released from the department's custody within  
19      a reasonable amount of time; providing that an inmate  
20      is considered an aging releasee upon release from the  
21      department into the community; providing a review  
22      process for an inmate who is denied release; providing  
23      conditions for release; prohibiting an aging releasee  
24      or his or her community-based housing from being  
25      counted in the prison system population and the prison  
26      capacity figures, respectively; providing for the  
27      revocation of conditional aging inmate release;  
28      requiring the aging releasee to be detained if a  
29      violation is based on certain circumstances;

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30 authorizing the aging releasee to be returned to the  
31 department if he or she violates any conditions of the  
32 release; requiring a majority of the panel to agree on  
33 the appropriateness of revocation; authorizing the  
34 forfeiture of gain-time if the revocation is based on  
35 certain violations; providing a review process for an  
36 aging releasee who has his or her released revoked;  
37 requiring the aging releasee to be given specified  
38 information in certain instances; providing rulemaking  
39 authority; amending ss. 316.1935, 775.084, 775.087,  
40 784.07, 790.235, 794.0115, 893.135, 921.0024, 944.605,  
41 and 944.70, F.S.; conforming cross-references;  
42 providing an effective date.

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

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46 Section 1. Section 945.0912, Florida Statutes, is created  
47 to read:

48 945.0912 Conditional aging inmate release.-

49 (1) CREATION.-There is established a conditional aging  
50 inmate release program within the department for the purpose of  
51 determining eligible inmates who are appropriate for such  
52 release, supervising the released inmates, and conducting  
53 revocation hearings as provided for in this section. The program  
54 must include a panel of at least three people appointed by the  
55 secretary or his or her designee for the purpose of determining  
56 the appropriateness of conditional aging inmate release and  
57 conducting revocation hearings on the inmate releases.

58 (2) ELIGIBILITY.-

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59 (a) An inmate is eligible for consideration for release  
60 under the conditional aging inmate release program when the  
61 inmate has reached 70 years of age and has served at least 10  
62 years on his or her term of imprisonment.

63 (b) An inmate may not be considered for release through the  
64 program if he or she has ever been found guilty of, regardless  
65 of adjudication, or entered a plea of nolo contendere or guilty  
66 to, or has been adjudicated delinquent for committing:

67 1. A violation of any of the following sections which  
68 results in the actual killing of a human being:

69 a. Section 775.33(4).

70 b. Section 782.04(1) or (2).

71 c. Section 782.09.

72 2. Any felony offense that serves as a predicate to  
73 registration as a sexual offender in accordance with s.  
74 943.0435; or

75 3. Any similar offense committed in another jurisdiction  
76 which would be an offense listed in this paragraph if it had  
77 been committed in violation of the laws of this state.

78 (3) REFERRAL FOR CONSIDERATION.—

79 (a)1. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, an  
80 inmate in the custody of the department who is eligible for  
81 consideration pursuant to subsection (2) must be considered for  
82 the conditional aging inmate release program.

83 2. The authority to grant conditional aging inmate release  
84 rests solely with the department. An inmate does not have a  
85 right to such release.

86 (b) The department must identify inmates who may be  
87 eligible for the conditional aging inmate release program. In

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88 considering an inmate for conditional aging inmate release, the  
89 department may require the production of additional evidence or  
90 any other additional investigations that the department deems  
91 are necessary for determining the appropriateness of the  
92 eligible inmate's release.

93 (c) The department must refer an inmate to the panel  
94 established under subsection (1) for review and determination of  
95 conditional aging inmate release upon his or her identification  
96 as potentially eligible for release pursuant to this section.

97 (d) If the case that resulted in the inmate's commitment to  
98 the department involved a victim, and the victim specifically  
99 requested notification pursuant to s. 16, Art. I of the State  
100 Constitution, the department must notify the victim of the  
101 inmate's referral to the panel immediately upon identification  
102 of the inmate as potentially eligible for release under this  
103 section. Additionally, the victim must be afforded the right to  
104 be heard regarding the release of the inmate.

105 (4) DETERMINATION OF RELEASE.—

106 (a) Within 45 days after receiving the referral, the panel  
107 established in subsection (1) must conduct a hearing to  
108 determine whether the inmate is appropriate for conditional  
109 aging inmate release.

110 (b) A majority of the panel members must agree that the  
111 inmate is appropriate for release pursuant to this section. If  
112 conditional aging inmate release is approved, the inmate must be  
113 released by the department to the community within a reasonable  
114 amount of time with necessary release conditions imposed  
115 pursuant to subsection (5). An inmate who is granted conditional  
116 aging inmate release is considered an aging releasee upon

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117 release to the community.

118 (c) An inmate who is denied conditional aging inmate  
119 release by the panel may have the decision reviewed by the  
120 department's general counsel, who must make a recommendation to  
121 the secretary. The secretary must review all relevant  
122 information and make a final decision about the appropriateness  
123 of conditional aging inmate release pursuant to this section.  
124 The decision of the secretary is a final administrative decision  
125 not subject to appeal. An inmate who is denied conditional aging  
126 inmate release may be subsequently reconsidered for such release  
127 in a manner prescribed by rule.

128 (5) RELEASE CONDITIONS.—

129 (a) An inmate granted release pursuant to this section is  
130 released for a period equal to the length of time remaining on  
131 his or her term of imprisonment on the date the release is  
132 granted. Such inmate is considered an aging releasee upon  
133 release from the department into the community. The aging  
134 releasee must comply with all reasonable conditions of release  
135 the department imposes, which must include, at a minimum:

136 1. Supervision by an officer trained to handle special  
137 offender caseloads.

138 2. Active electronic monitoring, if such monitoring is  
139 determined to be necessary to ensure the safety of the public  
140 and the aging releasee's compliance with release conditions.

141 3. Any conditions of community control provided for in s.  
142 948.101.

143 4. Any other conditions the department deems appropriate to  
144 ensure the safety of the community and compliance by the aging  
145 releasee.

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146 (b) An aging releasee is considered to be in the care,  
147 custody, supervision, and control of the department and remains  
148 eligible to earn or lose gain-time in accordance with s. 944.275  
149 and department rule. The aging releasee may not be counted in  
150 the prison system population, and the aging releasee's approved  
151 community-based housing location may not be counted in the  
152 capacity figures for the prison system.

153 (6) REVOCATION HEARING AND RECOMMITMENT.—

154 (a)1. An aging releasee's conditional aging inmate release  
155 may be revoked for a violation of any condition of the release  
156 established by the department, including, but not limited to, a  
157 new violation of law.

158 2. If the basis of the violation of release conditions is  
159 related to a new violation of law, the aging releasee must be  
160 detained without bond until his or her initial appearance, at  
161 which a judicial determination of probable cause is made. If the  
162 judge determines that there was no probable cause for the  
163 arrest, the aging releasee may be released. If the judge  
164 determines that there was probable cause for the arrest, the  
165 judge's determination also constitutes reasonable grounds to  
166 believe that the aging releasee violated the conditions of the  
167 release.

168 3. The department must order that the aging releasee  
169 subject to revocation under this paragraph be returned to  
170 department custody for a conditional aging inmate release  
171 revocation hearing as prescribed by rule.

172 4. A majority of the panel members must agree that  
173 revocation is appropriate for the aging releasee's conditional  
174 aging inmate release to be revoked. If conditional aging inmate

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175 release is revoked pursuant to this paragraph, the aging  
176 releasee must serve the balance of his or her sentence with  
177 credit for the actual time served on conditional aging inmate  
178 release. The aging releasee's gain-time accrued before  
179 recommitment may be forfeited pursuant to s. 944.28(1). If the  
180 aging releasee whose conditional aging inmate release is revoked  
181 subject to this paragraph would otherwise be eligible for parole  
182 or any other release program, he or she may be considered for  
183 such release program pursuant to law.

184 5. An aging releasee whose release has been revoked  
185 pursuant to this paragraph may have the revocation reviewed by  
186 the department's general counsel, who must make a recommendation  
187 to the secretary. The secretary must review all relevant  
188 information and make a final decision about the appropriateness  
189 of the revocation of conditional aging inmate release pursuant  
190 to this paragraph. The decision of the secretary is a final  
191 administrative decision not subject to appeal.

192 (b) If the aging releasee subject to revocation under  
193 paragraph (a) elects to proceed with a hearing, the aging  
194 releasee must be informed orally and in writing of the  
195 following:

196 1. The alleged violation with which the releasee is  
197 charged.

198 2. The releasee's right to be represented by counsel.  
199 However, this subparagraph does not create a right to publicly  
200 funded legal counsel.

201 3. The releasee's right to be heard in person.

202 4. The releasee's right to secure, present, and compel the  
203 attendance of witnesses relevant to the proceeding.

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204       5. The releasee's right to produce documents on his or her  
205 own behalf.

206       6. The releasee's right of access to all evidence used  
207 against the releasee and to confront and cross-examine adverse  
208 witnesses.

209       7. The releasee's right to waive the hearing.

210       (7) RULEMAKING AUTHORITY.—The department may adopt rules as  
211 necessary to implement this section.

212       Section 2. Subsection (6) of section 316.1935, Florida  
213 Statutes, is amended to read:

214       316.1935 Fleeing or attempting to elude a law enforcement  
215 officer; aggravated fleeing or eluding.—

216       (6) Notwithstanding s. 948.01, no court may suspend, defer,  
217 or withhold adjudication of guilt or imposition of sentence for  
218 any violation of this section. A person convicted and sentenced  
219 to a mandatory minimum term of incarceration under paragraph  
220 (3) (b) or paragraph (4) (b) is not eligible for statutory gain-  
221 time under s. 944.275 or any form of discretionary early  
222 release, other than pardon or executive clemency, ~~or~~ conditional  
223 medical release under s. 947.149, or conditional aging inmate  
224 release under s. 945.0912, prior to serving the mandatory  
225 minimum sentence.

226       Section 3. Paragraph (k) of subsection (4) of section  
227 775.084, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

228       775.084 Violent career criminals; habitual felony offenders  
229 and habitual violent felony offenders; three-time violent felony  
230 offenders; definitions; procedure; enhanced penalties or  
231 mandatory minimum prison terms.—

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233 (k)1. A defendant sentenced under this section as a  
234 habitual felony offender, a habitual violent felony offender, or  
235 a violent career criminal is eligible for gain-time granted by  
236 the Department of Corrections as provided in s. 944.275(4)(b).

237 2. For an offense committed on or after October 1, 1995, a  
238 defendant sentenced under this section as a violent career  
239 criminal is not eligible for any form of discretionary early  
240 release, other than pardon or executive clemency, ~~or~~ conditional  
241 medical release under ~~granted pursuant to~~ s. 947.149, or  
242 conditional aging inmate release under s. 945.0912.

243 3. For an offense committed on or after July 1, 1999, a  
244 defendant sentenced under this section as a three-time violent  
245 felony offender shall be released only by expiration of sentence  
246 and shall not be eligible for parole, control release, or any  
247 form of early release.

248 Section 4. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) and paragraph  
249 (b) of subsection (3) of section 775.087, Florida Statutes, are  
250 amended to read:

251 775.087 Possession or use of weapon; aggravated battery;  
252 felony reclassification; minimum sentence.-

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254 (b) Subparagraph (a)1., subparagraph (a)2., or subparagraph  
255 (a)3. does not prevent a court from imposing a longer sentence  
256 of incarceration as authorized by law in addition to the minimum  
257 mandatory sentence, or from imposing a sentence of death  
258 pursuant to other applicable law. Subparagraph (a)1.,  
259 subparagraph (a)2., or subparagraph (a)3. does not authorize a  
260 court to impose a lesser sentence than otherwise required by  
261 law.

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263 Notwithstanding s. 948.01, adjudication of guilt or imposition  
264 of sentence shall not be suspended, deferred, or withheld, and  
265 the defendant is not eligible for statutory gain-time under s.  
266 944.275 or any form of discretionary early release, other than  
267 pardon or executive clemency, ~~or~~ conditional medical release  
268 under s. 947.149, or conditional aging inmate release under s.  
269 945.0912, prior to serving the minimum sentence.

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(b) Subparagraph (a)1., subparagraph (a)2., or subparagraph  
272 (a)3. does not prevent a court from imposing a longer sentence  
273 of incarceration as authorized by law in addition to the minimum  
274 mandatory sentence, or from imposing a sentence of death  
275 pursuant to other applicable law. Subparagraph (a)1.,  
276 subparagraph (a)2., or subparagraph (a)3. does not authorize a  
277 court to impose a lesser sentence than otherwise required by  
278 law.

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280 Notwithstanding s. 948.01, adjudication of guilt or imposition  
281 of sentence shall not be suspended, deferred, or withheld, and  
282 the defendant is not eligible for statutory gain-time under s.  
283 944.275 or any form of discretionary early release, other than  
284 pardon or executive clemency, ~~or~~ conditional medical release  
285 under s. 947.149, or conditional aging inmate release under s.  
286 945.0912, prior to serving the minimum sentence.

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Section 5. Subsection (3) of section 784.07, Florida  
288 Statutes, is amended to read:

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784.07 Assault or battery of law enforcement officers,  
290 firefighters, emergency medical care providers, public transit

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291 employees or agents, or other specified officers;  
292 reclassification of offenses; minimum sentences.-

293 (3) Any person who is convicted of a battery under  
294 paragraph (2)(b) and, during the commission of the offense, such  
295 person possessed:

296 (a) A "firearm" or "destructive device" as those terms are  
297 defined in s. 790.001, shall be sentenced to a minimum term of  
298 imprisonment of 3 years.

299 (b) A semiautomatic firearm and its high-capacity  
300 detachable box magazine, as defined in s. 775.087(3), or a  
301 machine gun as defined in s. 790.001, shall be sentenced to a  
302 minimum term of imprisonment of 8 years.

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304 Notwithstanding s. 948.01, adjudication of guilt or imposition  
305 of sentence shall not be suspended, deferred, or withheld, and  
306 the defendant is not eligible for statutory gain-time under s.  
307 944.275 or any form of discretionary early release, other than  
308 pardon or executive clemency, ~~or~~ conditional medical release  
309 under s. 947.149, or conditional aging inmate release under s.  
310 945.0912, prior to serving the minimum sentence.

311 Section 6. Subsection (1) of section 790.235, Florida  
312 Statutes, is amended to read:

313 790.235 Possession of firearm or ammunition by violent  
314 career criminal unlawful; penalty.-

315 (1) Any person who meets the violent career criminal  
316 criteria under s. 775.084(1)(d), regardless of whether such  
317 person is or has previously been sentenced as a violent career  
318 criminal, who owns or has in his or her care, custody,  
319 possession, or control any firearm, ammunition, or electric

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320 weapon or device, or carries a concealed weapon, including a  
321 tear gas gun or chemical weapon or device, commits a felony of  
322 the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.  
323 775.083, or s. 775.084. A person convicted of a violation of  
324 this section shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum of 15  
325 years' imprisonment; however, if the person would be sentenced  
326 to a longer term of imprisonment under s. 775.084(4)(d), the  
327 person must be sentenced under that provision. A person  
328 convicted of a violation of this section is not eligible for any  
329 form of discretionary early release, other than pardon,  
330 executive clemency, ~~or~~ conditional medical release under s.  
331 947.149, or conditional aging inmate release under s. 945.0912.

332 Section 7. Subsection (7) of section 794.0115, Florida  
333 Statutes, is amended to read:

334 794.0115 Dangerous sexual felony offender; mandatory  
335 sentencing.—

336 (7) A defendant sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of  
337 imprisonment under this section is not eligible for statutory  
338 gain-time under s. 944.275 or any form of discretionary early  
339 release, other than pardon or executive clemency, ~~or~~ conditional  
340 medical release under s. 947.149, or conditional aging inmate  
341 release under s. 945.0912, before serving the minimum sentence.

342 Section 8. Paragraphs (b), (c), and (g) of subsection (1)  
343 and subsection (3) of section 893.135, Florida Statutes, are  
344 amended to read:

345 893.135 Trafficking; mandatory sentences; suspension or  
346 reduction of sentences; conspiracy to engage in trafficking.—

347 (1) Except as authorized in this chapter or in chapter 499  
348 and notwithstanding the provisions of s. 893.13:

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349 (b)1. Any person who knowingly sells, purchases,  
350 manufactures, delivers, or brings into this state, or who is  
351 knowingly in actual or constructive possession of, 28 grams or  
352 more of cocaine, as described in s. 893.03(2)(a)4., or of any  
353 mixture containing cocaine, but less than 150 kilograms of  
354 cocaine or any such mixture, commits a felony of the first  
355 degree, which felony shall be known as "trafficking in cocaine,"  
356 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.  
357 If the quantity involved:

358 a. Is 28 grams or more, but less than 200 grams, such  
359 person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of  
360 imprisonment of 3 years, and the defendant shall be ordered to  
361 pay a fine of \$50,000.

362 b. Is 200 grams or more, but less than 400 grams, such  
363 person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of  
364 imprisonment of 7 years, and the defendant shall be ordered to  
365 pay a fine of \$100,000.

366 c. Is 400 grams or more, but less than 150 kilograms, such  
367 person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of  
368 imprisonment of 15 calendar years and pay a fine of \$250,000.

369 2. Any person who knowingly sells, purchases, manufactures,  
370 delivers, or brings into this state, or who is knowingly in  
371 actual or constructive possession of, 150 kilograms or more of  
372 cocaine, as described in s. 893.03(2)(a)4., commits the first  
373 degree felony of trafficking in cocaine. A person who has been  
374 convicted of the first degree felony of trafficking in cocaine  
375 under this subparagraph shall be punished by life imprisonment  
376 and is ineligible for any form of discretionary early release  
377 except pardon or executive clemency, or ~~or~~ conditional medical

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378 release under s. 947.149, or conditional aging inmate release  
379 under s. 945.0912. However, if the court determines that, in  
380 addition to committing any act specified in this paragraph:

381 a. The person intentionally killed an individual or  
382 counseled, commanded, induced, procured, or caused the  
383 intentional killing of an individual and such killing was the  
384 result; or

385 b. The person's conduct in committing that act led to a  
386 natural, though not inevitable, lethal result,

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388 such person commits the capital felony of trafficking in  
389 cocaine, punishable as provided in ss. 775.082 and 921.142. Any  
390 person sentenced for a capital felony under this paragraph shall  
391 also be sentenced to pay the maximum fine provided under  
392 subparagraph 1.

393 3. Any person who knowingly brings into this state 300  
394 kilograms or more of cocaine, as described in s. 893.03(2)(a)4.,  
395 and who knows that the probable result of such importation would  
396 be the death of any person, commits capital importation of  
397 cocaine, a capital felony punishable as provided in ss. 775.082  
398 and 921.142. Any person sentenced for a capital felony under  
399 this paragraph shall also be sentenced to pay the maximum fine  
400 provided under subparagraph 1.

401 (c)1. A person who knowingly sells, purchases,  
402 manufactures, delivers, or brings into this state, or who is  
403 knowingly in actual or constructive possession of, 4 grams or  
404 more of any morphine, opium, hydromorphone, or any salt,  
405 derivative, isomer, or salt of an isomer thereof, including  
406 heroin, as described in s. 893.03(1)(b), (2)(a), (3)(c)3., or

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407 (3)(c)4., or 4 grams or more of any mixture containing any such  
408 substance, but less than 30 kilograms of such substance or  
409 mixture, commits a felony of the first degree, which felony  
410 shall be known as "trafficking in illegal drugs," punishable as  
411 provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. If the  
412 quantity involved:

413 a. Is 4 grams or more, but less than 14 grams, such person  
414 shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment  
415 of 3 years and shall be ordered to pay a fine of \$50,000.

416 b. Is 14 grams or more, but less than 28 grams, such person  
417 shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment  
418 of 15 years and shall be ordered to pay a fine of \$100,000.

419 c. Is 28 grams or more, but less than 30 kilograms, such  
420 person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of  
421 imprisonment of 25 years and shall be ordered to pay a fine of  
422 \$500,000.

423 2. A person who knowingly sells, purchases, manufactures,  
424 delivers, or brings into this state, or who is knowingly in  
425 actual or constructive possession of, 28 grams or more of  
426 hydrocodone, as described in s. 893.03(2)(a)1.k., codeine, as  
427 described in s. 893.03(2)(a)1.g., or any salt thereof, or 28  
428 grams or more of any mixture containing any such substance,  
429 commits a felony of the first degree, which felony shall be  
430 known as "trafficking in hydrocodone," punishable as provided in  
431 s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. If the quantity involved:

432 a. Is 28 grams or more, but less than 50 grams, such person  
433 shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment  
434 of 3 years and shall be ordered to pay a fine of \$50,000.

435 b. Is 50 grams or more, but less than 100 grams, such

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436 person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of  
437 imprisonment of 7 years and shall be ordered to pay a fine of  
438 \$100,000.

439 c. Is 100 grams or more, but less than 300 grams, such  
440 person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of  
441 imprisonment of 15 years and shall be ordered to pay a fine of  
442 \$500,000.

443 d. Is 300 grams or more, but less than 30 kilograms, such  
444 person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of  
445 imprisonment of 25 years and shall be ordered to pay a fine of  
446 \$750,000.

447 3. A person who knowingly sells, purchases, manufactures,  
448 delivers, or brings into this state, or who is knowingly in  
449 actual or constructive possession of, 7 grams or more of  
450 oxycodone, as described in s. 893.03(2)(a)1.q., or any salt  
451 thereof, or 7 grams or more of any mixture containing any such  
452 substance, commits a felony of the first degree, which felony  
453 shall be known as "trafficking in oxycodone," punishable as  
454 provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. If the  
455 quantity involved:

456 a. Is 7 grams or more, but less than 14 grams, such person  
457 shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment  
458 of 3 years and shall be ordered to pay a fine of \$50,000.

459 b. Is 14 grams or more, but less than 25 grams, such person  
460 shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment  
461 of 7 years and shall be ordered to pay a fine of \$100,000.

462 c. Is 25 grams or more, but less than 100 grams, such  
463 person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of  
464 imprisonment of 15 years and shall be ordered to pay a fine of

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465 \$500,000.

466 d. Is 100 grams or more, but less than 30 kilograms, such  
467 person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of  
468 imprisonment of 25 years and shall be ordered to pay a fine of  
469 \$750,000.

470 4.a. A person who knowingly sells, purchases, manufactures,  
471 delivers, or brings into this state, or who is knowingly in  
472 actual or constructive possession of, 4 grams or more of:

473 (I) Alfentanil, as described in s. 893.03(2)(b)1.;

474 (II) Carfentanil, as described in s. 893.03(2)(b)6.;

475 (III) Fentanyl, as described in s. 893.03(2)(b)9.;

476 (IV) Sufentanil, as described in s. 893.03(2)(b)30.;

477 (V) A fentanyl derivative, as described in s.

478 893.03(1)(a)62.;

479 (VI) A controlled substance analog, as described in s.

480 893.0356, of any substance described in sub-sub-subparagraphs

481 (I)-(V); or

482 (VII) A mixture containing any substance described in sub-  
483 sub-subparagraphs (I)-(VI),

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485 commits a felony of the first degree, which felony shall be  
486 known as "trafficking in fentanyl," punishable as provided in s.  
487 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

488 b. If the quantity involved under sub-subparagraph a.:

489 (I) Is 4 grams or more, but less than 14 grams, such person  
490 shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment  
491 of 3 years, and shall be ordered to pay a fine of \$50,000.

492 (II) Is 14 grams or more, but less than 28 grams, such  
493 person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of

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494 imprisonment of 15 years, and shall be ordered to pay a fine of  
495 \$100,000.

496 (III) Is 28 grams or more, such person shall be sentenced  
497 to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 25 years, and  
498 shall be ordered to pay a fine of \$500,000.

499 5. A person who knowingly sells, purchases, manufactures,  
500 delivers, or brings into this state, or who is knowingly in  
501 actual or constructive possession of, 30 kilograms or more of  
502 any morphine, opium, oxycodone, hydrocodone, codeine,  
503 hydromorphone, or any salt, derivative, isomer, or salt of an  
504 isomer thereof, including heroin, as described in s.  
505 893.03(1)(b), (2)(a), (3)(c)3., or (3)(c)4., or 30 kilograms or  
506 more of any mixture containing any such substance, commits the  
507 first degree felony of trafficking in illegal drugs. A person  
508 who has been convicted of the first degree felony of trafficking  
509 in illegal drugs under this subparagraph shall be punished by  
510 life imprisonment and is ineligible for any form of  
511 discretionary early release except pardon or executive clemency,  
512 ~~or~~ conditional medical release under s. 947.149, or conditional  
513 aging inmate release under s. 945.0912. However, if the court  
514 determines that, in addition to committing any act specified in  
515 this paragraph:

516 a. The person intentionally killed an individual or  
517 counseled, commanded, induced, procured, or caused the  
518 intentional killing of an individual and such killing was the  
519 result; or

520 b. The person's conduct in committing that act led to a  
521 natural, though not inevitable, lethal result,  
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523 such person commits the capital felony of trafficking in illegal  
524 drugs, punishable as provided in ss. 775.082 and 921.142. A  
525 person sentenced for a capital felony under this paragraph shall  
526 also be sentenced to pay the maximum fine provided under  
527 subparagraph 1.

528 6. A person who knowingly brings into this state 60  
529 kilograms or more of any morphine, opium, oxycodone,  
530 hydrocodone, codeine, hydromorphone, or any salt, derivative,  
531 isomer, or salt of an isomer thereof, including heroin, as  
532 described in s. 893.03(1)(b), (2)(a), (3)(c)3., or (3)(c)4., or  
533 60 kilograms or more of any mixture containing any such  
534 substance, and who knows that the probable result of such  
535 importation would be the death of a person, commits capital  
536 importation of illegal drugs, a capital felony punishable as  
537 provided in ss. 775.082 and 921.142. A person sentenced for a  
538 capital felony under this paragraph shall also be sentenced to  
539 pay the maximum fine provided under subparagraph 1.

540 (g)1. Any person who knowingly sells, purchases,  
541 manufactures, delivers, or brings into this state, or who is  
542 knowingly in actual or constructive possession of, 4 grams or  
543 more of flunitrazepam or any mixture containing flunitrazepam as  
544 described in s. 893.03(1)(a) commits a felony of the first  
545 degree, which felony shall be known as "trafficking in  
546 flunitrazepam," punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.  
547 775.083, or s. 775.084. If the quantity involved:

548 a. Is 4 grams or more but less than 14 grams, such person  
549 shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment  
550 of 3 years, and the defendant shall be ordered to pay a fine of  
551 \$50,000.

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552           b. Is 14 grams or more but less than 28 grams, such person  
553 shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment  
554 of 7 years, and the defendant shall be ordered to pay a fine of  
555 \$100,000.

556           c. Is 28 grams or more but less than 30 kilograms, such  
557 person shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of  
558 imprisonment of 25 calendar years and pay a fine of \$500,000.

559           2. Any person who knowingly sells, purchases, manufactures,  
560 delivers, or brings into this state or who is knowingly in  
561 actual or constructive possession of 30 kilograms or more of  
562 flunitrazepam or any mixture containing flunitrazepam as  
563 described in s. 893.03(1)(a) commits the first degree felony of  
564 trafficking in flunitrazepam. A person who has been convicted of  
565 the first degree felony of trafficking in flunitrazepam under  
566 this subparagraph shall be punished by life imprisonment and is  
567 ineligible for any form of discretionary early release except  
568 pardon or executive clemency, ~~or~~ conditional medical release  
569 under s. 947.149, or conditional aging inmate release under s.  
570 945.0912. However, if the court determines that, in addition to  
571 committing any act specified in this paragraph:

572           a. The person intentionally killed an individual or  
573 counseled, commanded, induced, procured, or caused the  
574 intentional killing of an individual and such killing was the  
575 result; or

576           b. The person's conduct in committing that act led to a  
577 natural, though not inevitable, lethal result,

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579 such person commits the capital felony of trafficking in  
580 flunitrazepam, punishable as provided in ss. 775.082 and

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581 921.142. Any person sentenced for a capital felony under this  
582 paragraph shall also be sentenced to pay the maximum fine  
583 provided under subparagraph 1.

584 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 948.01, with  
585 respect to any person who is found to have violated this  
586 section, adjudication of guilt or imposition of sentence shall  
587 not be suspended, deferred, or withheld, nor shall such person  
588 be eligible for parole prior to serving the mandatory minimum  
589 term of imprisonment prescribed by this section. A person  
590 sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment under this  
591 section is not eligible for any form of discretionary early  
592 release, except pardon or executive clemency, ~~or~~ conditional  
593 medical release under s. 947.149, or conditional aging inmate  
594 release under s. 945.0912, prior to serving the mandatory  
595 minimum term of imprisonment.

596 Section 9. Subsection (2) of section 921.0024, Florida  
597 Statutes, is amended to read:

598 921.0024 Criminal Punishment Code; worksheet computations;  
599 scoresheets.—

600 (2) The lowest permissible sentence is the minimum sentence  
601 that may be imposed by the trial court, absent a valid reason  
602 for departure. The lowest permissible sentence is any nonstate  
603 prison sanction in which the total sentence points equals or is  
604 less than 44 points, unless the court determines within its  
605 discretion that a prison sentence, which may be up to the  
606 statutory maximums for the offenses committed, is appropriate.  
607 When the total sentence points exceeds 44 points, the lowest  
608 permissible sentence in prison months shall be calculated by  
609 subtracting 28 points from the total sentence points and

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610 decreasing the remaining total by 25 percent. The total sentence  
611 points shall be calculated only as a means of determining the  
612 lowest permissible sentence. The permissible range for  
613 sentencing shall be the lowest permissible sentence up to and  
614 including the statutory maximum, as defined in s. 775.082, for  
615 the primary offense and any additional offenses before the court  
616 for sentencing. The sentencing court may impose such sentences  
617 concurrently or consecutively. However, any sentence to state  
618 prison must exceed 1 year. If the lowest permissible sentence  
619 under the code exceeds the statutory maximum sentence as  
620 provided in s. 775.082, the sentence required by the code must  
621 be imposed. If the total sentence points are greater than or  
622 equal to 363, the court may sentence the offender to life  
623 imprisonment. An offender sentenced to life imprisonment under  
624 this section is not eligible for any form of discretionary early  
625 release, except executive clemency, or conditional medical  
626 release under s. 947.149, or conditional aging inmate release  
627 under s. 945.0912.

628 Section 10. Paragraph (b) of subsection (7) of section  
629 944.605, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

630 944.605 Inmate release; notification; identification card.-  
631 (7)

632 (b) Paragraph (a) does not apply to inmates who:

633 1. The department determines have a valid driver license or  
634 state identification card, except that the department shall  
635 provide these inmates with a replacement state identification  
636 card or replacement driver license, if necessary.

637 2. Have an active detainer, unless the department  
638 determines that cancellation of the detainer is likely or that

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639 the incarceration for which the detainer was issued will be less  
640 than 12 months in duration.

641 3. Are released due to an emergency release, ~~or~~ a  
642 conditional medical release under s. 947.149, or conditional  
643 aging inmate release under s. 945.0912.

644 4. Are not in the physical custody of the department at or  
645 within 180 days before release.

646 5. Are subject to sex offender residency restrictions, and  
647 who, upon release under such restrictions, do not have a  
648 qualifying address.

649 Section 11. Subsection (1) of section 944.70, Florida  
650 Statutes, is amended to read:

651 944.70 Conditions for release from incarceration.—

652 (1) (a) A person who is convicted of a crime committed on or  
653 after October 1, 1983, but before January 1, 1994, may be  
654 released from incarceration only:

- 655 1. Upon expiration of the person's sentence;
- 656 2. Upon expiration of the person's sentence as reduced by  
657 accumulated gain-time;
- 658 3. As directed by an executive order granting clemency;
- 659 4. Upon attaining the provisional release date;
- 660 5. Upon placement in a conditional release program pursuant  
661 to s. 947.1405; or
- 662 6. Upon the granting of control release pursuant to s.  
663 947.146.

664 (b) A person who is convicted of a crime committed on or  
665 after January 1, 1994, may be released from incarceration only:

- 666 1. Upon expiration of the person's sentence;
- 667 2. Upon expiration of the person's sentence as reduced by

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- 668 accumulated meritorious or incentive gain-time;
- 669 3. As directed by an executive order granting clemency;
- 670 4. Upon placement in a conditional release program pursuant
- 671 to s. 947.1405, ~~or~~ a conditional medical release program
- 672 pursuant to s. 947.149, or a conditional aging inmate release
- 673 program pursuant to s. 945.0912; or
- 674 5. Upon the granting of control release, including
- 675 emergency control release, pursuant to s. 947.146.
- 676 Section 12. This act shall take effect October 1, 2020.



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The Honorable Jeff Brandes, Chair  
Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice  
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Dear Chair Brandes:

I am writing to inform you that Senator Gruters will not be at Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice on 1/22/20 at 1:30 pm.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Gruters".

Joe Gruters

cc: PK Jameson, Staff Director  
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1:32:53 PM Sen. Brandes (Chair)  
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1:33:34 PM Sen. Perry  
1:34:08 PM Matt Dunagan, Deputy Director, Florida Sheriffs Association (waives in support)  
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1:35:22 PM S 560  
1:35:25 PM Sen. Brandes  
1:35:49 PM Kara Gross, Legislative Director, American Civil Liberties Union of Florida (waives in support)  
1:35:50 PM Carey Haughwout, Public Defender, Florida Public Defender Association (waives in support)  
1:35:51 PM Starla Brown, Deputy State Director, Americans for Prosperity (waives in support)  
1:35:52 PM Sal Nuzzo, Vice President of Policy, The James Madison Institute (waives in support)  
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1:37:44 PM Greg Pound, Citizen  
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