

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2016 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Criminal Justice

CS/CS/SB 436 — Crime of Making Threats of Terror or Violence

by Appropriations Committee; Criminal Justice Committee; and Senators Simpson, Dean, Evers, Stargel, Detert, and Bradley)

The bill amends ss. 790.163 and 790.164, F.S., which prohibit making false reports concerning planting a bomb, explosive, or weapon of mass destruction, to also prohibit making a false report concerning use of a firearm in a violent manner. Commission of either of these offenses is a second degree felony, punishable by up to 15 years imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine.

The bill creates s. 836.12, F.S., making it a first degree misdemeanor to threaten a law enforcement officer, state attorney or assistant state attorney, firefighter, judge, elected official, or any of their family members with death or serious bodily harm. A second or subsequent offense would be a third degree felony.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect October 1, 2016.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 116-0