

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2012 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Criminal Justice

CS/CS/HB 1099 — Stalking

by Judiciary Committee; Criminal Justice Subcommittee; and Rep. Plakon and others (CS/CS/SB 950 by Budget Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations; Criminal Justice Committee; and Senators Simmons and Storms)

The bill amends the stalking statute, s. 784.048, F.S., by revising definitions related to stalking, primarily the definition of “credible threat.” It establishes a cause of action for an injunction for protection against stalking and cyberstalking, provides procedures and protections for obtaining a temporary or final injunction against stalking or cyberstalking, provides a first-degree misdemeanor penalty for violating an injunction against stalking or cyberstalking, and requires the court to consider issuing an injunction restraining a defendant from victim contact for up to ten years.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect October 1, 2012.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 113-0