

Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs

CS/CS/HB 1097 — Sexually Violent Predators

by Appropriations Committee; Criminal Justice Subcommittee; and Rep. Kreegel (CS/SB 2052 by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs Committee and Senator Lynn)

This bill amends Florida law related to the Involuntary Civil Commitment of Sexually Violent Predators (“Jimmy Ryce Act”) by:

- Requiring the Department of Children and Families (department) to prioritize written assessments and recommendations of persons convicted of a sexually violent offense who will be released from total confinement within one year;
- Extending the deadline in which the department’s multidisciplinary team is required to complete its assessment to the state attorney;
- Extending the deadline for the state attorney to file a petition to the circuit court alleging that a person is a sexually violent predator;
- Allowing a sexually violent predator, who has a deportation detainer and is released from confinement, to be taken into custody by the federal government rather than be immediately committed to the custody of DCF; and
- Making it a third-degree felony for a person to knowingly and intentionally bring, send, take, or attempt to take any intoxicating beverage, controlled substance, or firearm or weapon into any facility providing secure confinement and treatment under the Jimmy Ryce Act.

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

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 115-0