

Committee on Criminal Justice

CS/HB 431 — Solicitation of Minors to Commit Lewd or Lascivious Act

by Criminal Justice Subcommittee and Reps. Baker, Daniels, and others (CS/SB 486 by Criminal Justice Committee and Senators Bradley and Martin)

The bill creates s. 794.053, F.S., to provide that a person 24 years of age or older who solicits a person who is 16 or 17 years of age in writing to commit a lewd and lascivious act commits a third degree felony.

The bill amends s. 921.0022, F.S., ranking the offense of lewd or lascivious solicitation on the offense severity ranking chart of the Criminal Punishment Code as a level 3 offense.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect October 1, 2023.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 112-0