

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2025 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Criminal Justice

CS/SB 612 — Unlawful Distribution of Controlled Substances Resulting in Death

by Criminal Justice Committee and Senator Burgess

The bill creates a new crime of third degree murder for the unlawful killing of a human being when:

- A person under 18 years old distributes any substance or mixture that he or she knew or reasonably should have known contained dangerous fentanyl or fentanyl analogs; and
- Such substance or mixture is proven to have caused or proven to have been a substantial factor in producing the death of the user.

This new third degree murder offense is a second degree felony.

“Dangerous fentanyl or fentanyl analogs” includes:

- Alfentanil.
- Carfentanil.
- Fentanyl.
- Sufentanil.
- A fentanyl derivative.
- A controlled substance analog of any of the above listed substances.
- A mixture containing any of the above listed substances.

The term “distribute” means to deliver, other than by administering or dispensing, a controlled substance.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor’s signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2025.

Vote: Senate 31-5; House 113-1