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CS for CS for SB 1128

By the Committees on Judiciary; Criminal Justice; and Senator Fasano

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to material harmful to minors; amending s.
3	847.001, F.S.; redefining the term "harmful to minors";
4	amending s. 847.011, F.S.; providing that it is a third-
5	degree felony for any person to sell, distribute,
6	transmit, advertise, or possess with the intent to sell,
7	distribute, transmit, or advertise certain materials to
8	minors; providing that ignorance of a minor's age or the
9	minor's consent is not a defense in a prosecution for such
10	a violation if the minor is younger than 12 years of age;
11	providing penalties; amending s. 847.012, F.S.;
12	prohibiting a person from knowingly using a minor in the
13	production of certain materials, regardless of whether
14	those materials are intended for distribution to minors or
15	actually distributed to minors; providing a penalty;
16	providing that ignorance of a minor's age or the minor's
17	consent is not a defense in a prosecution for specified
18	violations if the minor is younger than 12 years of age;
19	amending s. 847.013, F.S.; providing that ignorance of a
20	minor's age or the minor's consent is not a defense in a
21	prosecution for specified violations if the minor is
22	younger than 12 years of age; revising legislative intent
23	concerning the enforcement of such laws with respect to
24	minors; amending s. 847.0133, F.S.; revising terminology;
25	amending s. 921.0022, F.S., relating to the offense
26	severity ranking chart of the Criminal Punishment Code;
27	establishing offense levels to conform to changes made by
28	the act; providing an exemption to laws amended by the act
29	for providers of communications services and providers of

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30	information services in certain circumstances; providing
31	an effective date.
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33	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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35	Section 1. Subsection (6) of section 847.001, Florida
36	Statutes, is amended to read:
37	847.001 DefinitionsAs used in this chapter, the term:
38	(6) "Harmful to minors" means any reproduction, imitation,
39	characterization, description, exhibition, presentation, or
40	representation, of whatever kind or form, depicting nudity,
41	sexual conduct, or sexual excitement when it:
42	(a) Predominantly appeals to <u>a</u> the prurient, shameful, or
43	morbid interest of minors ;
44	(b) Is patently offensive to prevailing standards in the
45	adult community as a whole with respect to what is suitable
46	material or conduct for minors; and
47	(c) Taken as a whole, is without serious literary,
48	artistic, political, or scientific value for minors.
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50	A mother's breastfeeding of her baby is not under any
51	circumstance "harmful to minors."
52	Section 2. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 847.011,
53	Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
54	847.011 Prohibition of certain acts in connection with
55	obscene, lewd, etc., materials; penalty
56	(1)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (c), any person who
57	knowingly sells, lends, gives away, distributes, transmits,
58	shows, or transmutes, or offers to sell, lend, give away,

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59 distribute, transmit, show, or transmute, or has in his or her 60 possession, custody, or control with intent to sell, lend, give away, distribute, transmit, show, transmute, or advertise in any 61 62 manner, any obscene book, magazine, periodical, pamphlet, 63 newspaper, comic book, story paper, written or printed story or 64 article, writing, paper, card, picture, drawing, photograph, 65 motion picture film, figure, image, phonograph record, or wire or 66 tape or other recording, or any written, printed, or recorded 67 matter of any such character which may or may not require 68 mechanical or other means to be transmuted into auditory, visual, 69 or sensory representations of such character, or any article or 70 instrument for obscene use, or purporting to be for obscene use 71 or purpose; or who knowingly designs, copies, draws, photographs, 72 poses for, writes, prints, publishes, or in any manner whatsoever 73 manufactures or prepares any such material, matter, article, or 74 thing of any such character; or who knowingly writes, prints, publishes, or utters, or causes to be written, printed, 75 76 published, or uttered, any advertisement or notice of any kind, 77 giving information, directly or indirectly, stating, or 78 purporting to state, where, how, of whom, or by what means any, 79 or what purports to be any, such material, matter, article, or 80 thing of any such character can be purchased, obtained, or had; 81 or who in any manner knowingly hires, employs, uses, or permits 82 any person knowingly to do or assist in doing any act or thing 83 mentioned above, commits is quilty of a misdemeanor of the first 84 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. A 85 person who, after having been convicted of a violation of this 86 subsection, thereafter violates any of its provisions, commits is 87 quilty of a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in

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88 s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

(b) The knowing possession by any person of three or more identical or similar materials, matters, articles, or things coming within the provisions of paragraph (a) is prima facie evidence of the violation of that said paragraph.

93 (c) A person who commits a violation of paragraph (a) or 94 subsection (2) which is based on materials that depict a minor 95 engaged in any act or conduct that is harmful to minors commits a 96 felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, 97 s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

98 (d) A person's ignorance of a minor's age, a minor's
 99 misrepresentation of his or her age, a bona fide belief of a
 100 minor's age, or a minor's consent may not be raised as a defense
 101 in a prosecution for one or more violations of paragraph (a) or
 102 subsection (2) if the minor is younger than 12 years of age.

103 (2)Except as provided in paragraph (1)(c), a person who 104 knowingly has in his or her possession, custody, or control any 105 obscene book, magazine, periodical, pamphlet, newspaper, comic book, story paper, written or printed story or article, writing, 106 107 paper, card, picture, drawing, photograph, motion picture film, 108 film, any sticker, decal, emblem or other device attached to a 109 motor vehicle containing obscene descriptions, photographs, or 110 depictions, any figure, image, phonograph record, or wire or tape 111 or other recording, or any written, printed, or recorded matter 112 of any such character which may or may not require mechanical or other means to be transmuted into auditory, visual, or sensory 113 114 representations of such character, or any article or instrument 115 for obscene use, or purporting to be for obscene use or purpose, without intent to sell, lend, give away, distribute, transmit, 116

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show, transmute, or advertise the same, commits is guilty of a 117 118 misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 119 775.082 or s. 775.083. A person who, after having been convicted of violating this subsection, thereafter violates any of its 120 121 provisions commits is quilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. In 122 123 any prosecution for such possession, it is shall not be necessary 124 to allege or prove the absence of such intent.

125 Section 3. Section 847.012, Florida Statutes, is amended to 126 read:

127 847.012 <u>Harmful materials;</u> Prohibition of sale or other
 128 distribution of harmful materials to minors or using minors in
 129 production prohibited persons under 18 years of age; penalty.--

(1) As used in this section, "knowingly" means having the
general knowledge of, reason to know, or a belief or ground for
belief which warrants further inspection or inquiry of both:

133 (a) The character and content of any material described in 134 this section herein which is reasonably susceptible of 135 examination by the defendant; τ and

(b) The age of the minor; however, an honest mistake shall
constitute an excuse from liability hereunder if the defendant
made a reasonable bona fide attempt to ascertain the true age of
such minor.

140 (2) A person's ignorance of a minor's age, a minor's
141 misrepresentation of his or her age, a bona fide belief of a
142 minor's age, or a minor's consent may not be raised as a defense
143 in a prosecution for a violation of this section if the minor is
144 younger than 12 years of age.

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(3) (2) A It is unlawful for any person may not knowingly to

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146 sell, rent, or loan for monetary consideration to a minor: 147 (a) Any picture, photograph, drawing, sculpture, motion 148 picture film, videocassette, or similar visual representation or 149 image of a person or portion of the human body which depicts 150 nudity or sexual conduct, sexual excitement, sexual battery, 151 bestiality, or sadomasochistic abuse and which is harmful to 152 minors<u>;</u> or

(b) Any book, pamphlet, magazine, printed matter however reproduced, or sound recording <u>that</u> which contains any matter defined in s. 847.001, explicit and detailed verbal descriptions or narrative accounts of sexual excitement, or sexual conduct and that which is harmful to minors.

(4) A person may not knowingly use a minor in the
production of any material described in subsection (3),
regardless of whether the material is intended for distribution
to minors or is actually distributed to minors.

162 <u>(5)(3)</u> Any person violating any provision of this section 163 <u>commits</u> is guilty of a felony of the third degree, punishable as 164 provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

165 <u>(6) (4)</u> Every act, thing, or transaction forbidden by this 166 section constitutes a separate offense and is punishable as such.

167 <u>(7) (5)</u> (a) The circuit court has jurisdiction to enjoin a 168 violation of this section upon complaint filed by the state 169 attorney in the name of the state upon the relation of such state 170 attorney.

(b) After the filing of <u>the</u> such a complaint, the judge to
whom it is presented may grant an order restraining the person
complained of until final hearing or further order of the court.
<u>If</u> Whenever the relator state attorney requests a judge of such

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175 court to set a hearing upon an application for such a restraining 176 order, the such judge shall set the such hearing for a time 177 within 3 days after the making of the such request. The No such 178 order may not shall be made unless the such judge is satisfied 179 that sufficient notice of the application therefor has been given 180 to the party restrained of the time when and place where the 181 application for the such restraining order is to be made.

(c) The person sought to be enjoined <u>is shall be entitled</u>
to a trial of the issues within 1 day after joinder of issue, and
a decision shall be rendered by the court within 2 days <u>after</u> of
the conclusion of the trial.

(d) <u>If</u> In the event that a final decree of injunction is entered, it <u>must</u> shall contain a provision directing the defendant having the possession, custody, or control of the materials, matters, articles, or things affected by the injunction to surrender the same to the sheriff and requiring the sheriff to seize and destroy the same. The sheriff shall file a certificate of her or his compliance.

193 (e) In any action brought under as provided in this section, a no bond or undertaking may not shall be required of 194 195 the state or the state attorney before the issuance of a 196 restraining order provided for by paragraph (b), and there shall 197 be no liability on the part of the state or the state attorney is 198 not liable for costs or for damages sustained by reason of the 199 such restraining order in any case where a final decree is rendered in favor of the person sought to be enjoined. 200

(f) Every person who has possession, custody, or control
of, or otherwise deals with, any of the materials, matters,
articles, or things described in this section, after the service

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590-08223-08 20081128c2 upon her or him of a summons and complaint in an action for 204 205 injunction brought under this section, is chargeable with 206 knowledge of the contents and character thereof. 207 (8) (6) The several sheriffs and state attorneys shall 208 vigorously enforce this section within their respective 209 jurisdictions. 210 (9) (7) This section does not apply to the exhibition of 211 motion pictures, shows, presentations, or other representations 212 regulated under the provisions of s. 847.013. 213 Section 4. Section 847.013, Florida Statutes, is amended to 214 read: 215 847.013 Exposing minors to harmful motion pictures, exhibitions, shows, presentations, or representations.--216 217 "KNOWINGLY" DEFINED.--As used in this section (1)218 "knowingly" means having general knowledge of, reason to know, or 219 a belief or ground for belief which warrants further inspection 220 or inquiry of both: 221 The character and content of any motion picture (a) 222 described herein which is reasonably susceptible of examination 223 by the defendant, or the character of any exhibition, 224 presentation, representation, or show described herein, other 225 than a motion picture show, which is reasonably susceptible of 226 being ascertained by the defendant; τ and 227 The age of the minor; however, an honest mistake shall (b) constitute an excuse from liability hereunder if the defendant 228 229 made a reasonable bona fide attempt to ascertain the true age of 230 such minor. 231 (2) MINOR'S AGE.--A person's ignorance of a minor's age, a 232 minor's misrepresentation of his or her age, a bona fide belief

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233 <u>of a minor's age, or a minor's consent may not be raised as a</u> 234 <u>defense in a prosecution for a violation of this section if the</u> 235 minor is younger than 12 years of age.

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(3) (2) OFFENSES AND PENALTIES.--

237 A It is unlawful for any person may not knowingly to (a) 238 exhibit for a monetary consideration to a minor or knowingly to 239 sell or rent a videotape of a motion picture to a minor or 240 knowingly sell to a minor an admission ticket or pass or 241 knowingly admit a minor for a monetary consideration to premises 242 whereon there is exhibited a motion picture, exhibition, show, 243 representation, or other presentation which, in whole or in part, 244 depicts nudity, sexual conduct, sexual excitement, sexual 245 battery, bestiality, or sadomasochistic abuse and which is 246 harmful to minors.

(b) <u>A</u> It is unlawful for any person may not knowingly to
rent or sell, or loan to a minor for monetary consideration, a
videocassette or a videotape of a motion picture, or similar
presentation, which, in whole or in part, depicts nudity, sexual
conduct, sexual excitement, sexual battery, bestiality, or
sadomasochistic abuse and which is harmful to minors.

(c) The provisions of paragraph (a) do not apply to a minor when the minor is accompanied by his or her parents or either of them.

(d) <u>A</u> It is unlawful for any minor may not to falsely
represent to the owner of any premises mentioned in paragraph
(a), or to the owner's agent, or to any person mentioned in
paragraph (b), that the such minor is 17 years of age or older,
with the intent to procure the such minor's admission to the such
premises, or the such minor's purchase or rental of a videotape,

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262 for a monetary consideration.

263 A It is unlawful for any person may not to knowingly (e) 264 make a false representation to the owner of any premises mentioned in paragraph (a), or to the owner's agent, or to any 265 266 person mentioned in paragraph (b), that he or she is the parent 267 of any minor or that any minor is 17 years of age or older, with 268 intent to procure the such minor's admission to the such premises 269 or to aid the such minor in procuring admission thereto, or to 270 aid or enable the such minor's purchase or rental of a videotape, 271 for a monetary consideration.

(f) A violation of any provision of this subsection constitutes a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

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(4) (3) INJUNCTIVE PROCEEDINGS.--

(a) The circuit court has jurisdiction to enjoin a
threatened violation of subsection (2) upon complaint filed by
the state attorney in the name of the state upon the relation of
such state attorney.

280 (b) After the filing of the such a complaint, the judge to 281 whom it is presented may grant an order restraining the person or 282 persons complained of until final hearing or further order of the 283 court. Whenever the relator requests a judge of the such court to 284 set a hearing upon an application for such a restraining order, 285 the such judge shall set the such hearing for a time within 3 286 days after the making of the such request. An No such order may 287 not shall be made unless the such judge is satisfied that 288 sufficient notice of the application therefor has been given to 289 the person or persons restrained of the time when and place where 290 the application for the such restraining order is to be heard.

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However, <u>the</u> such notice shall be dispensed with when it is manifest to <u>the</u> such judge, from the allegations of a sworn complaint or independent affidavit, sworn to by the relator or by some person associated with him or her in the field of law enforcement and filed by the relator, that the apprehended violation will be committed if an immediate remedy is not afforded.

(c) The person or persons sought to be enjoined <u>are shall</u>
 be entitled to a trial of the issues within 1 day after joinder
 of issue, and a decision shall be rendered by the court within 2
 days after the conclusion of the trial.

302 In any action brought as provided in this section, a no (d) 303 bond or undertaking is not shall be required of the state or the 304 relator state attorney before the issuance of a restraining order 305 provided for by this section, and there is shall be no liability 306 on the part of the state or the relator state attorney for costs 307 or damages sustained by reason of such restraining order in any 308 case in which a final decree is rendered in favor of the person 309 or persons sought to be enjoined.

(e) Every person who has possession, custody, or control of, or otherwise deals with, any motion picture, exhibition, show, representation, or presentation described in this section, after the service upon him or her of a summons and complaint in an action for injunction brought under this section, is chargeable with knowledge of the contents or character thereof.

316 <u>(5)(4)</u> LEGISLATIVE INTENT.--In order to make the 317 application and enforcement of this section uniform throughout 318 the state, it is the intent of the Legislature to preempt the 319 field, to the exclusion of counties and municipalities, insofar

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320 as it concerns exposing persons under 17 years of age to harmful 321 motion pictures, exhibitions, shows, representations, and 322 presentations, and commercial or sexual exploitation. To that 323 end, it is hereby declared that every county ordinance and every 324 municipal ordinance adopted prior to July 1, 1969, and relating 325 to such subject shall stand abrogated and unenforceable on and 326 after such date and that no county, municipality, or consolidated 327 county-municipal government shall have the power to adopt any 328 ordinance relating to that subject on or after such effective 329 date.

330 Section 5. Subsection (1) of section 847.0133, Florida 331 Statutes, is amended to read:

332 847.0133 Protection of minors; prohibition of certain acts 333 in connection with obscenity; penalty.--

334 A It is unlawful for any person may not knowingly to (1) 335 sell, rent, loan, give away, distribute, transmit, or show any 336 obscene material to a minor. For purposes of this section 337 "obscene material" means any obscene book, magazine, periodical, pamphlet, newspaper, comic book, story paper, written or printed 338 339 story or article, writing paper, card, picture, drawing, 340 photograph, motion picture film, figure, image, videotape, 341 videocassette, phonograph record, or wire or tape or other recording, or any written, printed, or recorded matter of any 342 343 such character which may or may not require mechanical or other 344 means to be transmuted into auditory, visual, or sensory 345 representations of such character, or any article or instrument 346 for obscene use, or purporting to be for obscene use or purpose. 347 The term "obscene" has shall have the same meaning as set forth in s. 847.001. 348

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          Section 6. Paragraph (f) of subsection (3) of section
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     921.0022, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
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          921.0022 Criminal Punishment Code; offense severity ranking
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     chart.--
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           (3) OFFENSE SEVERITY RANKING CHART
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          (f) LEVEL 6
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     Florida
                       Felony Description
     Statute
                       Degree
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     316.193(2)(b)
                       3rd
                                Felony DUI, 4th or subsequent
                                conviction.
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     499.0051(3)
                       2nd
                                Forgery of pedigree papers.
358
     499.0051(4)
                       2nd
                                Purchase or receipt of legend drug from
                                unauthorized person.
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     499.0051(5)
                       2nd
                                Sale of legend drug to unauthorized
                                person.
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     775.0875(1)
                       3rd
                                Taking firearm from law enforcement
                                officer.
361
     784.021(1)(a)
                       3rd
                                Aggravated assault; deadly weapon
                                without intent to kill.
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     784.021(1)(b)
                       3rd
                                Aggravated assault; intent to commit
                                felony.
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374			property.
375	790.161(2)	2nd	Make, possess, or throw destructive device with intent to do bodily harm or damage property.
	790.164(1)	2nd	False report of deadly explosive, weapon of mass destruction, or act of arson or violence to state property.
376	790.19	2nd	Shooting or throwing deadly missiles into dwellings, vessels, or vehicles.
378	794.011(8)(a)	3rd	Solicitation of minor to participate in sexual activity by custodial adult.
379	794.05(1)	2nd	Unlawful sexual activity with specified minor.
	800.04(5)(d)	3rd	Lewd or lascivious molestation; victim 12 years of age or older but less than 16 years; offender less than 18 years.
380	800.04(6)(b)	2nd	Lewd or lascivious conduct; offender 18 years of age or older.
381 382	806.031(2)	2nd	Arson resulting in great bodily harm to firefighter or any other person.

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383	810.02(3)(c)	2nd	Burglary of occupied structure; unarmed; no assault or battery.
	812.014(2)(b)1.	2nd	Property stolen \$20,000 or more, but less than \$100,000, grand theft in 2nd degree.
384	812.014(6)	2nd	Theft; property stolen \$3,000 or more; coordination of others.
385	812.015(9)(a)	2nd	Retail theft; property stolen \$300 or more; second or subsequent conviction.
386	812.015(9)(b)	2nd	Retail theft; property stolen \$3,000 or more; coordination of others.
387	812.13(2)(c)	2nd	Robbery, no firearm or other weapon (strong-arm robbery).
388	817.034(4)(a)1.	lst	Communications fraud, value greater than \$50,000.
389	817.4821(5)	2nd	Possess cloning paraphernalia with intent to create cloned cellular telephones.
390 391	825.102(1)	3rd	Abuse of an elderly person or disabled adult.

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392	825.102(3)(c)	3rd	Neglect of an elderly person or disabled adult.
	825.1025(3)	3rd	Lewd or lascivious molestation of an elderly person or disabled adult.
393	825.103(2)(c)	3rd	Exploiting an elderly person or disabled adult and property is valued at less than \$20,000.
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395	827.03(1)	3rd	Abuse of a child.
	827.03(3)(c)	3rd	Neglect of a child.
396	827.071(2)&(3)	2nd	Use or induce a child in a sexual performance, or promote or direct such performance.
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	836.05	2nd	Threats; extortion.
398	836.10	2nd	Written threats to kill or do bodily injury.
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400	843.12	3rd	Aids or assists person to escape.
	847.011	<u>3rd</u>	Distributing, offering to distribute, or possessing with intent to distribute obscene materials depicting minors.
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402	847.012	<u>3rd</u>	Knowingly using a minor in the production of materials harmful to minors.
403	847.0135(2)	3rd	Facilitates sexual conduct of or with a minor or the visual depiction of such conduct.
	914.23	2nd	Retaliation against a witness, victim, or informant, with bodily injury.
404	944.35(3)(a)2.	3rd	Committing malicious battery upon or inflicting cruel or inhuman treatment on an inmate or offender on community supervision, resulting in great bodily harm.
405	944.40	2nd	Escapes.
407	944.46	3rd	Harboring, concealing, aiding escaped prisoners.
407	944.47(1)(a)5.	2nd	Introduction of contraband (firearm, weapon, or explosive) into correctional facility.
408	951.22(1)	3rd	Intoxicating drug, firearm, or weapon introduced into county facility.
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410	Section 7. The amendments to ss. 847.012, 847.011, 847.013,
411	and 847.0133, Florida Statutes, made by this act do not apply to
412	providers of communications services as defined in s. 202.11,
413	Florida Statutes, or to providers of information services,
414	including, but not limited to, Internet access service providers
415	and hosting service providers, when they provide only the
416	transmission, storage, or caching of electronic communications or
417	messages of others or provide other related communications or
418	information services used by others in violation of such amended
419	provisions. This exemption does not apply to providers of
420	communications services as defined in s. 202.11, Florida
421	Statutes, or providers of information services that knowingly for
422	commercial advantage or private financial gain facilitate the
423	specific violation of such amended provisions by others.
424	Section 8. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.