The Committee on Appropriations (Bean) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 712 and 713 insert:

Section 20. Section 768.094, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

768.094 Roller skating rinks; operator and roller skater responsibilities.—

(1) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT.—The Legislature finds that the recreational sport of roller skating is practiced by a
large number of citizens in this state and is a wholesome and healthy family activity. The Legislature further finds that owners of roller skating rinks have great difficulty in obtaining liability insurance coverage at an affordable cost and that the lack of affordable insurance coverage affects not only the owners, but also patrons who may suffer personal injury as a result of accidents that occur on the premises of a roller skating rink. In order to make it more economically feasible for insurance companies to provide affordable coverage to owners, this section establishes standards to provide more predictability in liability to the owners of rinks and that encourage risk reduction techniques. 

(2) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

(a) “Operator” means a person or an entity that owns, manages, controls, directs, or has operational responsibility for a roller skating rink.

(b) “Roller skater” means a person wearing roller skates while in a roller skating rink for the purpose of recreational or competitive roller skating. The term includes an individual in a roller skating rink who is an invitee, regardless of whether the person pays consideration.

(c) “Roller skating rink” means a building, a facility, or a premises that provides an area specifically designed to be used by the public for recreational or competitive roller skating.

(d) “Spectator” means a person who is present in a roller skating rink only for the purpose of observing recreational or competitive roller skating.

(3) OPERATOR RESPONSIBILITIES.—An operator shall:
(a) Comply with all current roller skating rink safety standards published by the Roller Skating Association International to the extent such standards are consistent with this section.

(b) Post the duties of roller skaters and spectators and the duties and obligations of the operator, as prescribed in this section, in at least three conspicuous locations in the roller skating rink.

(c) Maintain the stability and legibility of all signs, symbols, and posted notices required by this section.

(d) When the skating rink is open for skating sessions, have at least one floor supervisor on duty for every 200 roller skaters.

(e) Maintain the skating surface in a reasonably safe condition, and clean and inspect the skating surface before each skating session.

(f) Maintain in good condition the railings, kickboards, and walls surrounding the skating surface.

(g) In rinks with step-up or step-down skating surfaces, ensure that the covering on the riser is securely fastened.

(h) Install fire extinguishers and inspect them at recommended intervals.

(i) Inspect emergency lighting units at least quarterly to ensure that they are in proper working order.

(j) Keep exit lights and lights in service areas on when skating surface lights are turned off during a skating session.

(k) Maintain in good mechanical condition roller skating equipment that the operator leases or rents to roller skaters.

(l) Comply with all applicable state and local safety
codes.

(4) ROLLER SKATER RESPONSIBILITIES.—A roller skater shall:

(a) Maintain reasonable control of his or her speed and the course at all times.

(b) Heed all posted signs and warnings.

(c) Maintain a proper outlook to avoid other roller skaters and objects.

(d) Accept the responsibility for knowing the range of his or her own ability to negotiate the intended direction of travel while on roller skates and to skate within the limits of that ability.

(e) Refrain from acting in a manner that may cause or contribute to the injury of the roller skater or any other person.

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line 87

and insert:

may be initially issued; creating s. 768.094, F.S.; providing legislative findings and intent; defining terms; specifying responsibilities of operators of roller skating rinks and of roller skaters; amending s. 921.0022, F.S.;