A bill to be entitled
An act relating to cannabis offenses; amending s. 893.13, F.S.; reducing criminal penalties for possession of specified amounts of cannabis and products containing specified amounts of THC; specifying that juvenile violators of certain provisions are eligible for civil citation or prearrest diversion programs; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (3) and paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (6) of section 893.13, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

893.13  Prohibited acts; penalties.—

(3)  A person who delivers, without consideration, 20 grams or less of cannabis, as defined in this chapter, commits a noncriminal violation misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. As used in this subsection, the term "cannabis" does not include the resin extracted from the plants of the genus Cannabis or any compound manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of such resin.

(6)(a) 1. A person may not be in actual or constructive
possession of a controlled substance, other than 20 grams or
less of cannabis, as defined in this chapter, or 600 milligrams
or less of THC in cannabis products unless such controlled
substance was lawfully obtained from a practitioner or pursuant
to a valid prescription or order of a practitioner while acting
in the course of his or her professional practice or to be in
actual or constructive possession of a controlled substance
except as otherwise authorized by this chapter. A person who
violates this provision commits a felony of the third degree,
punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

2. A person in possession of 20 grams or less of cannabis,
as defined in this chapter, or 600 milligrams or less of THC in
cannabis products commits a misdemeanor of the first degree,
punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. A juvenile
who violates this subparagraph for the first time is eligible
for a civil citation program or prearrest diversion program as
provide under s. 985.12.

(b) If the offense is the possession of 20 grams or less
of cannabis, as defined in this chapter, the person commits a
noncriminal violation misdemeanor of the first degree,
punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. As used in
this subsection, the term "cannabis" does not include the resin
extracted from the plants of the genus Cannabis, or any compound
manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of such
resin.
Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.