

The Florida Senate
HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: CS/SB 444

INTRODUCER: Children, Families, and Elder Affairs Committee and Senators Perry and Book

SUBJECT: Lewd or Lascivious Molestation

DATE: March 8, 2022

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment – 568773 (body with title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment – 568773 is a delete all amendment, and creates s. 794.051, F.S., Indecent, lewd or lascivious touching of certain minors.

The amendment provides that it is a third degree felony for a person 24 years of age or older to touch in a lewd or lascivious manner the breasts, genitals, genital area, or buttocks, or the clothing covering them, of a person 16 or 17 years of age, or forces or entices a person 16 or 17 years of age to so touch the perpetrator.

The new crime does not apply to a person 16 or 17 years old who has had the disability of nonage removed under ch. 743, F.S.

This crime is ranked as a level 4 offense in the Offense Severity Ranking Chart of the Criminal Punishment Code.