

The Florida Senate
HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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INTRODUCER: Criminal Justice and Public Safety Subcommittee and Senators Plakon and Barnaby

SUBJECT: Controlled Substance Offenses

DATE: March 11, 2022

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment – 922297 to Senate Amendment 541410 (body with title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment – 922297 removes the language from the Senate amendment that would limit when the enhanced penalties may apply for the sale manufacture, or distribution of a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of physical location of a church or religious organization. The Senate amendment specifies that the enhanced penalties may apply only when the church or religious organization is actually conducting services or other activities. The House amendment removes this language and thus retains the current law where the enhancement may apply regardless of when the offense occurs.

Additionally, the House amendment removes language from the Senate amendment that exempts narcotic testing equipment used to identify fentanyl as “drug paraphernalia.”