1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to the exploitation of vulnerable
3	persons; creating s. 817.5695, F.S.; defining terms;
4	specifying conditions under which a person commits
5	exploitation of a person 65 years of age or older;
6	providing criminal penalties for violations of the
7	act; specifying that not knowing the age of a victim
8	is not a defense to such crime; providing
9	circumstances under which the trial for a criminal
10	action arising from specified violations may be
11	advanced on the docket; authorizing persons who are in
12	imminent danger of exploitation to petition for an
13	injunction for protection; specifying applicable
14	penalties for violations of any such injunction;
15	amending s. 775.15, F.S.; providing time limitations
16	for commencing prosecution for violations of the act;
17	providing an exception for the time limitations for
18	commencing prosecution for certain felony violations
19	involving elderly persons or disabled adults if
20	certain conditions are met; amending ss. 825.1035 and
21	825.1036, F.S.; specifying that certain acts are
22	included in exploitation of a vulnerable adult;
23	amending s. 921.0022, F.S.; ranking certain offenses
24	created by this act on the offense severity ranking
25	chart of the Criminal Punishment Code; providing an
26	effective date.
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28	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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30	Section 1. Section 817.5695, Florida Statutes, is created
31	to read:
32	817.5695 Exploitation of a person 65 years of age or
33	older
34	(1) As used in this section, the term:
35	(a) "Bribe" means any money or anything of value which is
36	provided, directly or indirectly, to a person who has a legal or
37	fiduciary relationship with a person 65 years of age or older,
38	for the purpose of improperly obtaining or rewarding favorable
39	treatment from the person who has the legal or fiduciary
40	relationship in connection with his or her work for the person
41	65 years of age or older.
42	(b) "Deception" means:
43	1. Misrepresenting or concealing a material fact relating
44	to:
45	a. Services rendered, disposition of property, or use of
46	property, when such services or property are intended to benefit
47	a person 65 years of age or older;
48	b. Terms of a contract, agreement, trust, will, or
49	testament entered into with a person 65 years of age or older;
50	or
51	c. An existing or preexisting condition of any property
52	involved in a contract, agreement, trust, will, or testament
53	entered into with a person 65 years of age or older; or
54	2. Using any misrepresentation, false pretense, or false
55	promise in order to induce, encourage, or solicit a person 65
56	years of age or older to enter into a contract, agreement,
57	trust, will, or testament.
58	(c) "Endeavor" means to attempt or to try.

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(d) "Fiduciary relationship" includes, but is not limited to, a court-appointed or voluntary guardian, trustee, attorney, or conservator. (e) "Intimidation" means the communication by word or act to a person 65 years of age or older that the person will be deprived of food, nutrition, clothing, shelter, supervision, medicine, medical services, money, or financial support or will suffer physical violence. (f) "Kickback" means money, credit, a fee, a commission, a gift, a gratuity or other compensation, or anything of value which is provided to a person in exchange for preferential treatment for the receipt of goods or services. (q) "Obtains or uses" means any manner of: 1. Taking or exercising control over property; or 2. Making any use, disposition, or transfer of property. (h) "Property" means anything of value and includes, but is not limited to: 1. Real property, including things growing on, affixed to, or found in land. 2. Tangible or intangible personal property, including intellectual property, rights, privileges, interests, and claims. 3. Services. (i) "Services" means anything of value resulting from a person's physical or mental labor or skill, or from the use, possession, or presence of property, and includes, but is not limited to: 1. Repairs or improvements to property;

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2. Professional services;

88	3. Private, public, or governmental communication,			
89	transportation, power, water, or sanitation services;			
90	4. Lodging accommodations; or			
91	5. Admissions to places of exhibition or entertainment.			
92	(j) "Value" means value determined according to any of the			
93	following:			
94	1. The market value of the property at the time and place			
95	of the offense, or, if the market value cannot be satisfactorily			
96	ascertained, the value is the cost of replacing the property			
97	within a reasonable time after the commission of the offense;			
98	2. In the case of a written instrument, such as a check,			
99	draft, or promissory note, which does not have a readily			
100	ascertainable market value, the value is the amount due or			
101	collectible. The value of any other instrument that creates,			
102	releases, discharges, or otherwise affects any valuable legal			
103	right, privilege, or obligation is the greatest amount of			
104	economic loss that the owner of the instrument might reasonably			
105	suffer by the diminishment or loss of the instrument;			
106	3. The value of a trade secret that does not have a readily			
107	ascertainable market value is any reasonable value representing			
108	the damage to the owner suffered by reason of losing advantage			
109	over those who do not know of or use the trade secret; or			
110	4. If the value of the property cannot be ascertained, the			
111	trier of fact may find the value to be not less than a certain			
112	amount; if no such minimum value can be ascertained, the value			
113	<u>is an amount less than \$100.</u>			
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115	Amounts of value of separate properties involved in exploitation			
116	committed pursuant to one scheme or course of conduct, whether			

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117	the exploitation involves the same person or several persons,
118	may be aggregated in determining the degree of the offense.
119	(2) A person commits exploitation of a person 65 years of
120	age or older if he or she:
121	(a) Obtains or uses, endeavors to obtain or use, or
122	conspires with another to obtain or use, through deception or
123	intimidation, the property of a person 65 years of age or older,
124	with the intent to temporarily or permanently:
125	1. Deprive that person of the use, benefit, or possession
126	of the property; or
127	2. Benefit someone other than the property owner;
128	(b) Obtains or uses, endeavors to obtain or use, or
129	conspires with another to obtain or use, through deception or
130	intimidation, the property of a person 65 years of age or older
131	through the intentional modification, alteration, or fraudulent
132	creation of a plan of distribution or disbursement expressed in
133	a will, trust instrument, or other testamentary devise of the
134	person 65 years of age or older; or
135	(c) Deprives, endeavors to deprive, or conspires with
136	another to deprive, with the intent to defraud and by means of
137	bribery or kickbacks, a person 65 years of age or older of his
138	or her intangible right to honest services provided by an
139	individual who has a legal or fiduciary relationship with such
140	person.
141	(3) A person who violates this section commits:
142	(a) A felony of the first degree, punishable as provided in
143	s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084, if the funds, assets, or
144	property involved in the exploitation of a person 65 years of

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146	(b) A felony of the second degree, punishable as provided
147	in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084, if the funds, assets,
148	or property involved in the exploitation of a person 65 years of
149	age or older is valued at \$10,000 or more, but less than
150	\$50,000.
151	(c) A felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in
152	<u>s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084, if the funds, assets, or</u>
153	property involved in the exploitation of a person 65 years of
154	age or older is valued at less than \$10,000.
155	(4) It does not constitute a defense to a prosecution for
156	any violation of this section that the accused did not know the
157	age of the victim.
158	(5) In a criminal action resulting from a violation of this
159	section, the state may move the court to advance the trial on
160	the docket. The presiding judge, after consideration of the age
161	and health of the victim, may advance the trial on the docket.
162	The motion may be filed and served with the information or
163	charges at any time thereafter.
164	(6) Notwithstanding s. 825.1035(2), a person 65 years of
165	age or older who is in imminent danger of being exploited may
166	petition for an injunction for protection as provided under s.
167	825.1035. A violation of such injunction shall be handled in the
168	same manner, and such violation shall have the same penalties,
169	as provided in s. 825.1036.
170	Section 2. Subsection (10) of section 775.15, Florida
171	Statutes, is amended to read:
172	775.15 Time limitations; general time limitations;
173	exceptions
174	(10) (a) A prosecution for a felony violation of <u>s.</u>
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175 817.5695, s. 825.102, or s. 825.103 must be commenced within 5 176 years after it is committed. 177 (b) If the period prescribed in paragraph (a) has expired, 178 a prosecution may nevertheless be commenced for any offense, a 179 material element of which is either fraud or a breach of 180 fiduciary obligation, within 5 years after discovery of the 181 offense by an aggrieved party or by a person who has a legal 182 duty to represent an aggrieved party and who is not a party to 183 the offense. Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 825.1035, Florida 184 185 Statutes, is amended to read: 186 825.1035 Injunction for protection against exploitation of 187 a vulnerable adult.-(1) INJUNCTION CREATED.-There is created a cause of action 188 189 for an injunction for protection against exploitation of a 190 vulnerable adult. As used in this section, and in addition to 191 the definitions provided in this chapter, exploitation of a 192 vulnerable adult includes a person 65 years of age or older who 193 is or may be subject to exploitation as described in s. 194 817.5695. 195 Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 825.1036, Florida 196 Statutes, is amended to read: 197 825.1036 Violation of an injunction for protection against 198 exploitation of a vulnerable adult.-(1) In the event of a violation of an injunction for 199 200 protection against exploitation of a vulnerable adult when the 201 person who violated such injunction has not been arrested, the 202 petitioner may contact the clerk of the circuit court of the county in which the violation is alleged to have occurred. The 203

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204	clerk of the circuit cour	rt shall assist	the petitioner in the		
205	preparation of an affidavit in support of the violation or				
206	direct the petitioner to the office operated by the court within				
207	the circuit which has bee	en designated b	y the chief judge of the		
208	judicial circuit as the c	central intake	point for injunction		
209	violations and where the	petitioner can	receive assistance in		
210	the preparation of the af	ffidavit in sup	port of the violation. <u>As</u>		
211	used in this section, and	d in addition t	o the definitions		
212	provided in this chapter,	, exploitation	of a vulnerable adult		
213	includes a person 65 year	rs of age or ol	der who is or may be		
214	subject to exploitation a	as described in	s. 817.5695.		
215	Section 5. Paragraph	ns (d) and (f)	of subsection (3) of		
216	section 921.0022, Florida	a Statutes, are	amended to read:		
217	921.0022 Criminal Pu	unishment Code;	offense severity ranking		
218	chart				
219	(3) OFFENSE SEVERITY	Y RANKING CHART			
220	(d) LEVEL 4				
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	Florida	Felony			
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	316.1935(3)(a)	2nd	Driving at high speed		
			or with wanton		
			disregard for safety		
			while fleeing or		
			attempting to elude law		
			enforcement officer who		
			is in a patrol vehicle		
			with siren and lights		
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	499.0051(1)	3rd	Failure to maintain or deliver transaction
			history, transaction
			information, or
			transaction statements.
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	499.0051(5)	2nd	Knowing sale or
			delivery, or possession
			with intent to sell,
			contraband prescription
			drugs.
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	517.07(1)	3rd	Failure to register
			securities.
226		3rd	Estime of dealer
	517.12(1)	510	Failure of dealer, associated person, or
			issuer of securities to
			register.
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	784.07(2)(b)	3rd	Battery of law
			enforcement officer,
			firefighter, etc.
228			
	784.074(1)(c)	3rd	Battery of sexually
			violent predators
			facility staff.

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229			
	784.075	3rd	Battery on detention or commitment facility staff.
230	784.078	3rd	Battery of facility employee by throwing, tossing, or expelling certain fluids or materials.
232	784.08(2)(c)	3rd	Battery on a person 65 years of age or older.
233	784.081(3)	3rd	Battery on specified official or employee.
	784.082(3)	3rd	Battery by detained person on visitor or other detainee.
234 235	784.083(3)	3rd	Battery on code inspector.
	784.085	3rd	Battery of child by throwing, tossing, projecting, or expelling certain fluids or materials.

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236			
237	787.03(1)	3rd	Interference with custody; wrongly takes minor from appointed guardian.
	787.04(2)	3rd	Take, entice, or remove child beyond state limits with criminal intent pending custody proceedings.
238	787.04(3)	3rd	Carrying child beyond state lines with criminal intent to avoid producing child at custody hearing or delivering to designated person.
240	787.07	3rd	Human smuggling.
241	790.115(1)	3rd	Exhibiting firearm or weapon within 1,000 feet of a school.
	790.115(2)(b)	3rd	Possessing electric weapon or device, destructive device, or

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242			other weapon on school property.
242	790.115(2)(c)	3rd	Possessing firearm on school property.
243	794.051(1)	3rd	Indecent, lewd, or lascivious touching of certain minors.
245	800.04(7)(c)	3rd	Lewd or lascivious exhibition; offender less than 18 years.
246	806.135	2nd	Destroying or demolishing a memorial or historic property.
247	810.02(4)(a)	3rd	Burglary, or attempted burglary, of an unoccupied structure; unarmed; no assault or battery.
27/	810.02(4)(b)	3rd	Burglary, or attempted burglary, of an unoccupied conveyance; unarmed; no assault or battery.

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	810.06	3rd	Burglary; possession of tools.
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	810.08(2)(c)	3rd	Trespass on property, armed with firearm or
			dangerous weapon.
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	812.014(2)(c)3.	3rd	Grand theft, 3rd degree
			\$10,000 or more but less than \$20,000.
251			1000 chan 720,000.
	812.014	3rd	Grand theft, 3rd
	(2)(c)410.		degree; specified
252			items.
	812.0195(2)	3rd	Dealing in stolen
			property by use of the
			Internet; property
253			stolen \$300 or more.
	817.505(4)(a)	3rd	Patient brokering.
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	817.563(1)	3rd	Sell or deliver
			substance other than controlled substance
			agreed upon, excluding
			s. 893.03(5) drugs.
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	817.568(2)(a)	3rd	Fraudulent use of personal identification information.
256	<u>817.5695(3)(c)</u>	<u>3rd</u>	Exploitation of person 65 years of age or older, value less than \$10,000.
257	817.625(2)(a)	3rd	Fraudulent use of scanning device, skimming device, or reencoder.
258	817.625(2)(c)	3rd	Possess, sell, or deliver skimming device.
260	828.125(1)	2nd	Kill, maim, or cause great bodily harm or permanent breeding disability to any registered horse or cattle.
200	836.14(2)	3rd	Person who commits theft of a sexually explicit image with intent to promote it.

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261			
262	836.14(3)	3rd	Person who willfully possesses a sexually explicit image with certain knowledge, intent, and purpose.
263	837.02(1)	3rd	Perjury in official proceedings.
264	837.021(1)	3rd	Make contradictory statements in official proceedings.
265	838.022	3rd	Official misconduct.
	839.13(2)(a)	3rd	Falsifying records of an individual in the care and custody of a state agency.
266 267	839.13(2)(c)	3rd	Falsifying records of the Department of Children and Families.
268	843.021	3rd	Possession of a concealed handcuff key by a person in custody.

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269	843.025	3rd	Deprive law enforcement, correctional, or correctional probation officer of means of protection or communication.
270	843.15(1)(a)	3rd	Failure to appear while on bail for felony (bond estreature or bond jumping).
271	847.0135(5)(c)	3rd	Lewd or lascivious exhibition using computer; offender less than 18 years.
271	870.01(3)	2nd	Aggravated rioting.
273	870.01(5)	2nd	Aggravated inciting a riot.
274	874.05(1)(a)	3rd	Encouraging or recruiting another to join a criminal gang.
2/7	893.13(2)(a)1.	2nd	Purchase of cocaine (or other s. 893.03(1)(a),

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275			(b), or (d), (2)(a), (2)(b), or (2)(c)5. drugs).
	914.14(2)	3rd	Witnesses accepting bribes.
276	914.22(1)	3rd	Force, threaten, etc., witness, victim, or informant.
	914.23(2)	3rd	Retaliation against a witness, victim, or informant, no bodily injury.
278	916.1085 (2)(c)1.	3rd	Introduction of specified contraband into certain DCF facilities.
280	918.12	3rd	Tampering with jurors.
281	934.215	3rd	Use of two-way communications device to facilitate commission of a crime.
	944.47(1)(a)6.	3rd	Introduction of

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			contraband (cellular
			telephone or other
			portable communication
			device) into
			correctional
			institution.
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	951.22(1)(h),	3rd	Intoxicating drug,
	(j) & (k)		instrumentality or
			other device to aid
			escape, or cellular
			telephone or other
			portable communication
			device introduced into
			county detention
			facility.
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284	(f) LEVEL 6		
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	Florida	Felony	
	Statute	Degree	Description
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	316.027(2)(b)	2nd	Leaving the scene of a
			crash involving serious
			bodily injury.
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	316.193(2)(b)	3rd	Felony DUI, 4th or
			subsequent conviction.
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289	400.9935(4)(c)	2nd	Operating a clinic, or offering services requiring licensure, without a license.
	499.0051(2)	2nd	Knowing forgery of transaction history, transaction information, or transaction statement.
290	499.0051(3)	2nd	Knowing purchase or receipt of prescription drug from unauthorized person.
292	499.0051(4)	2nd	Knowing sale or transfer of prescription drug to unauthorized person.
292	775.0875(1)	3rd	Taking firearm from law enforcement officer.
294	784.021(1)(a)	3rd	Aggravated assault; deadly weapon without intent to kill.
294	784.021(1)(b)	3rd	Aggravated assault; intent to commit felony.

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295			
	784.041	3rd	Felony battery; domestic battery by strangulation.
296	784.048(3)	3rd	Aggravated stalking; credible threat.
297 298	784.048(5)	3rd	Aggravated stalking of person under 16.
290	784.07(2)(c)	2nd	Aggravated assault on law enforcement officer.
300	784.074(1)(b)	2nd	Aggravated assault on sexually violent predators facility staff.
301	784.08(2)(b)	2nd	Aggravated assault on a person 65 years of age or older.
	784.081(2)	2nd	Aggravated assault on specified official or employee.
302	784.082(2)	2nd	Aggravated assault by detained person on

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303			visitor or other detainee.
304	784.083(2)	2nd	Aggravated assault on code inspector.
304	787.02(2)	3rd	False imprisonment; restraining with purpose other than those in s. 787.01.
305	790.115(2)(d)	2nd	Discharging firearm or weapon on school property.
306	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 concerning bomb, explosive, weapon of mass destruction, act of arson or violence to state property, or use of firearms in violent manner.
308	790.19	2nd	Shooting or throwing

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309			deadly missiles into dwellings, vessels, or vehicles.
	794.011(8)(a)	3rd	Solicitation of minor to participate in sexual activity by custodial adult.
310	794.05(1)	2nd	Unlawful sexual activity with specified minor.
311	800.04(5)(d)	3rd	Lewd or lascivious molestation; victim 12 years of age or older but less than 16 years of age; offender less than 18 years.
312	800.04(6)(b)	2nd	Lewd or lascivious conduct; offender 18 years of age or older.
313	806.031(2)	2nd	Arson resulting in great bodily harm to firefighter or any other person.
314	810.02(3)(c)	2nd	Burglary of occupied

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315			structure; unarmed; no assault or battery.
	810.145(8)(b)	2nd	Video voyeurism; certain minor victims; 2nd or subsequent offense.
316	812.014(2)(b)1.	2nd	Property stolen \$20,000 or more, but less than \$100,000, grand theft in 2nd degree.
317	812.014(6)	2nd	Theft; property stolen \$3,000 or more; coordination of others.
318	812.015(9)(a)	2nd	Retail theft; property stolen \$750 or more; second or subsequent conviction.
	812.015(9)(b)	2nd	Retail theft; aggregated property stolen within 30 days is \$3,000 or more; coordination of others.
320	812.015(9)(d)	2nd	Retail theft; multiple thefts within specified

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321			period.
321	812.13(2)(c)	2nd	Robbery, no firearm or other weapon (strong-arm robbery).
323	817.4821(5)	2nd	Possess cloning paraphernalia with intent to create cloned cellular telephones.
324	817.49(2)(b)2.	2nd	Willful making of a false report of a crime resulting in death.
324	817.505(4)(b)	2nd	Patient brokering; 10 or more patients.
326	<u>817.5695(3)(b)</u>	<u>2nd</u>	Exploitation of person 65 years of age or older, value \$10,000 or more, but less than \$50,000.
320	825.102(1)	3rd	Abuse of an elderly person or disabled adult.
	825.102(3)(c)	3rd	Neglect of an elderly

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328			person or disabled adult.
329	825.1025(3)	3rd	Lewd or lascivious molestation of an elderly person or disabled adult.
	825.103(3)(c)	3rd	Exploiting an elderly person or disabled adult and property is valued at less than \$10,000.
330			
331	827.03(2)(c)	3rd	Abuse of a child.
551	827.03(2)(d)	3rd	Neglect of a child.
332	827.071(2) & (3)	2nd	Use or induce a child in a sexual performance, or promote or direct such performance.
333	828.126(3)	3rd	Sexual activities involving animals.
334			
335	836.05	2nd	Threats; extortion.
	836.10	2nd	Written or electronic threats to kill, do

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336			bodily injury, or conduct a mass shooting or an act of terrorism.
337	843.12	3rd	Aids or assists person to escape.
	847.011	3rd	Distributing, offering to distribute, or possessing with intent to distribute obscene materials depicting minors.
338	847.012	3rd	Knowingly using a minor in the production of materials harmful to minors.
	847.0135(2)	3rd	Facilitates sexual conduct of or with a minor or the visual depiction of such conduct.
340	914.23	2nd	Retaliation against a witness, victim, or informant, with bodily injury.

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341			
	918.13(2)(b)	2nd	Tampering with or
			fabricating physical
			evidence relating to a
			capital felony.
342			
	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.
343			
	944.40	2nd	Escapes.
344			
	944.46	3rd	Harboring, concealing,
			aiding escaped
			prisoners.
345			
	944.47(1)(a)5.	2nd	Introduction of
			contraband (firearm,
			weapon, or explosive)
			into correctional
			facility.
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346	951.22(1)(i)	3rd	Firearm or weapon
346	951.22(1)(i)	3rd	Firearm or weapon introduced into county

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							de	tention	fac	ility.	
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348	Sectio	n 6.	This	act	shall	take	effect	October	1,	2023.	

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