

By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senator Yarborough

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to assault or battery on a utility worker; amending s. 784.07, F.S.; defining the term "utility worker"; providing for reclassification of certain offenses committed against a utility worker; amending ss. 901.15, 921.0022, 943.051, 985.11, and 985.644, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 784.07, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (h) is added to subsection (1) of that section, to read:

784.07 Assault or battery of law enforcement officers and other specified personnel; reclassification of offenses; minimum sentences.—

(1) As used in this section, the term:

(h) "Utility worker" means a person who bears at least one patch, emblem, organizational identification, or other clear marking intended to be plainly visible at all times and which clearly identifies the employing or contracting utility and which clearly identifies the person as a utility worker under contract with or employed by an entity that owns, operates, leases, or controls a plant, property, or facility for the generation of, transmission of, distribution of, or furnishing to or for the public of electricity, natural or manufactured gas or propane, water, wastewater, telephone, or communications service, including two or more utilities rendering joint

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30 service.

31 (2) Whenever any person is charged with knowingly  
32 committing an assault or battery upon a law enforcement officer,  
33 a firefighter, an emergency medical care provider, hospital  
34 personnel, a railroad special officer, a traffic accident  
35 investigation officer as described in s. 316.640, a nonsworn law  
36 enforcement agency employee who is certified as an agency  
37 inspector, a blood alcohol analyst, or a breath test operator  
38 while such employee is in uniform and engaged in processing,  
39 testing, evaluating, analyzing, or transporting a person who is  
40 detained or under arrest for DUI, a law enforcement explorer, a  
41 traffic infraction enforcement officer as described in s.  
42 316.640, a parking enforcement specialist as defined in s.  
43 316.640, a person licensed as a security officer as defined in  
44 s. 493.6101 and wearing a uniform that bears at least one patch  
45 or emblem that is visible at all times that clearly identifies  
46 the employing agency and that clearly identifies the person as a  
47 licensed security officer, ~~or~~ a security officer employed by the  
48 board of trustees of a community college, or a utility worker  
49 while the officer, firefighter, emergency medical care provider,  
50 hospital personnel, railroad special officer, traffic accident  
51 investigation officer, traffic infraction enforcement officer,  
52 inspector, analyst, operator, law enforcement explorer, parking  
53 enforcement specialist, public transit employee or agent, ~~or~~  
54 security officer, or utility worker is engaged in the lawful  
55 performance of his or her duties, the offense for which the  
56 person is charged shall be reclassified as follows:

57 (a) In the case of assault, from a misdemeanor of the  
58 second degree to a misdemeanor of the first degree.

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(b) In the case of battery, from a misdemeanor of the first degree to a felony of the third degree. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person convicted of battery upon a law enforcement officer committed in furtherance of a riot or an aggravated riot prohibited under s. 870.01 shall be sentenced to a minimum term of imprisonment of 6 months.

(c) In the case of aggravated assault, from a felony of the third degree to a felony of the second degree. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any person convicted of aggravated assault upon a law enforcement officer shall be sentenced to a minimum term of imprisonment of 3 years.

(d) In the case of aggravated battery, from a felony of the second degree to a felony of the first degree. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any person convicted of aggravated battery of a law enforcement officer shall be sentenced to a minimum term of imprisonment of 5 years.

Section 2. Subsection (15) of section 901.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

901.15 When arrest by officer without warrant is lawful.—A law enforcement officer may arrest a person without a warrant when:

(15) There is probable cause to believe that the person has committed assault upon a law enforcement officer, a firefighter, an emergency medical care provider, public transit employees or agents, or other specified persons ~~officers~~ as set forth in s. 784.07 or has committed assault or battery upon any employee of a receiving facility as defined in s. 394.455 who is engaged in the lawful performance of his or her duties.

Section 3. Paragraphs (d), (f), and (g) of subsection (3)

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of section 921.0022, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

921.0022 Criminal Punishment Code; offense severity ranking chart.—

(3) OFFENSE SEVERITY RANKING CHART

(d) LEVEL 4

Florida Statute	Felony Degree	Description
104.155	3rd	Unqualified noncitizen electors voting; aiding or soliciting noncitizen electors in voting.
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 activated.
499.0051 (1)	3rd	Failure to maintain or deliver transaction history, transaction information, or transaction statements.
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.

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517.12 (1) 3rd Failure of dealer or associated person of a dealer of securities to register.

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784.031 3rd Battery by strangulation.

102

784.07 (2) (b) 3rd Battery of law enforcement officer, utility worker, firefighter, etc.

103

784.074 (1) (c) 3rd Battery of sexually violent predators facility staff.

104

784.075 3rd Battery on detention or commitment facility staff.

105

784.078 3rd Battery of facility employee by throwing, tossing, or expelling certain fluids or materials.

106

784.08 (2) (c) 3rd Battery on a person 65 years of age or older.

107

784.081 (3) 3rd Battery on specified official or employee.

784.082 (3) 3rd Battery by detained person on

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visitor or other detainee.

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784.083(3)

3rd

Battery on code inspector.

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784.085

3rd

Battery of child by throwing,  
tossing, projecting, or  
expelling certain fluids or  
materials.

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787.03(1)

3rd

Interference with custody;  
wrongly takes minor from  
appointed guardian.

111

787.04(2)

3rd

Take, entice, or remove child  
beyond state limits with  
criminal intent pending custody  
proceedings.

112

787.04(3)

3rd

Carrying child beyond state  
lines with criminal intent to  
avoid producing child at  
custody hearing or delivering  
to designated person.

113

787.07

3rd

Human smuggling.

114

790.115(1)

3rd

Exhibiting firearm or weapon  
within 1,000 feet of a school.

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790.115 (2) (b)

3rd

Possessing electric weapon or  
device, destructive device, or  
other weapon on school  
property.

790.115 (2) (c)

3rd

Possessing firearm on school  
property.

794.051 (1)

3rd

Indecent, lewd, or lascivious  
touching of certain minors.

800.04 (7) (c)

3rd

Lewd or lascivious exhibition;  
offender less than 18 years.

806.135

2nd

Destroying or demolishing a  
memorial or historic property.

810.02 (4) (a)

3rd

Burglary, or attempted  
burglary, of an unoccupied  
structure; unarmed; no assault  
or battery.

810.02 (4) (b)

3rd

Burglary, or attempted  
burglary, of an unoccupied  
conveyance; unarmed; no assault  
or battery.

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.

810.145 (3) (b)

3rd

Digital voyeurism  
dissemination.

812.014 (2) (c) 3.

3rd

Grand theft, 3rd degree \$10,000  
or more but less than \$20,000.

812.014

3rd

(2) (c) 4. &  
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Grand theft, 3rd degree;  
specified items.

812.014 (2) (d) 2.

3rd

Grand theft, 3rd degree; \$750  
or more taken from dwelling or  
its unenclosed curtilage.

812.014 (2) (e) 3.

3rd

Petit theft, 1st degree; less  
than \$40 taken from dwelling or  
its unenclosed curtilage with  
two or more prior theft  
convictions.

812.0195 (2)

3rd

Dealing in stolen property by  
use of the Internet; property  
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.

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817.5695(3) (c) 3rd Exploitation of person 65 years  
of age or older, value less  
than \$10,000.

134

817.625(2) (a) 3rd Fraudulent use of scanning  
device, skimming device, or  
reencoder.

135

817.625(2) (c) 3rd Possess, sell, or deliver  
skimming device.

136

828.125(1) 2nd Kill, maim, or cause great  
bodily harm or permanent  
breeding disability to any  
registered horse or cattle.

137

836.14(2) 3rd Person who commits theft of a  
sexually explicit image with  
intent to promote it.

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836.14 (3)

3rd

Person who willfully possesses  
a sexually explicit image with  
certain knowledge, intent, and  
purpose.

837.02 (1)

3rd

Perjury in official  
proceedings.

837.021 (1)

3rd

Make contradictory statements  
in official proceedings.

838.022

3rd

Official misconduct.

839.13 (2) (a)

3rd

Falsifying records of an  
individual in the care and  
custody of a state agency.

839.13 (2) (c)

3rd

Falsifying records of the  
Department of Children and  
Families.

843.021

3rd

Possession of a concealed  
handcuff key by a person in  
custody.

843.025

3rd

Deprive law enforcement,  
correctional, or correctional  
probation officer of means of  
protection or communication.

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843.15(1)(a) 3rd Failure to appear while on bail  
for felony (bond estreature or  
bond jumping).

147

843.19(2) 2nd Injure, disable, or kill  
police, fire, or SAR canine or  
police horse.

148

847.0135(5)(c) 3rd Lewd or lascivious exhibition  
using computer; offender less  
than 18 years.

149

870.01(3) 2nd Aggravated rioting.

150

870.01(5) 2nd Aggravated inciting a riot.

151

874.05(1)(a) 3rd Encouraging or recruiting  
another to join a criminal  
gang.

152

893.13(2)(a)1. 2nd Purchase of cocaine (or other  
s. 893.03(1)(a), (b), or (d),  
(2)(a), (2)(b), or (2)(c)5.  
drugs).

153

914.14(2) 3rd Witnesses accepting bribes.

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914.22(1) 3rd Force, threaten, etc., witness,

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victim, or informant.

914.23(2)

3rd

Retaliation against a witness,  
victim, or informant, no bodily  
injury.

916.1085

3rd

(2)(c)1.

Introduction of specified  
contraband into certain DCF  
facilities.

918.12

3rd

Tampering with jurors.

934.215

3rd

Use of two-way communications  
device to facilitate commission  
of a crime.

944.47(1)(a)6.

3rd

Introduction of contraband  
(cellular telephone or other  
portable communication device)  
into correctional institution.951.22(1)(h),  
(j) & (k)

3rd

Intoxicating drug,  
instrumentality or other device  
to aid escape, or cellular  
telephone or other portable  
communication device introduced  
into county detention facility.

(f) LEVEL 6

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Florida Statute	Felony Degree	Description
316.027 (2) (b)	2nd	Leaving the scene of a crash involving serious bodily injury.
316.193 (2) (b)	3rd	Felony DUI, 4th or subsequent conviction.
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.
499.0051 (3)	2nd	Knowing purchase or receipt of prescription drug from unauthorized person.
499.0051 (4)	2nd	Knowing sale or transfer of prescription drug to unauthorized person.

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775.0875 (1)

3rd

Taking firearm from law  
enforcement officer.

784.021 (1) (a)

3rd

Aggravated assault; deadly  
weapon without intent to kill.

784.021 (1) (b)

3rd

Aggravated assault; intent to  
commit felony.

784.041

3rd

Felony battery; domestic  
battery by strangulation.

784.048 (3)

3rd

Aggravated stalking; credible  
threat.

784.048 (5)

3rd

Aggravated stalking of person  
under 16.

784.07 (2) (c)

2nd

Aggravated assault on law  
enforcement officer, utility  
worker, firefighter, etc.

784.074 (1) (b)

2nd

Aggravated assault on sexually  
violent predators facility  
staff.

784.08 (2) (b)

2nd

Aggravated assault on a person  
65 years of age or older.

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784.081(2) 2nd Aggravated assault on specified  
official or employee.

784.082(2) 2nd Aggravated assault by detained  
person on visitor or other  
detainee.

784.083(2) 2nd Aggravated assault on code  
inspector.

787.02(2) 3rd False imprisonment; restraining  
with purpose other than those  
in s. 787.01.

790.115(2)(d) 2nd Discharging firearm or weapon  
on school property.

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.

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188	790.19	2nd	Shooting or throwing deadly missiles into dwellings, vessels, or vehicles.
189	794.011 (8) (a)	3rd	Solicitation of minor to participate in sexual activity by custodial adult.
190	794.05 (1)	2nd	Unlawful sexual activity with specified minor.
191	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.
192	800.04 (6) (b)	2nd	Lewd or lascivious conduct; offender 18 years of age or older.
193	806.031 (2)	2nd	Arson resulting in great bodily harm to firefighter or any other person.
194	810.02 (3) (c)	2nd	Burglary of occupied structure; unarmed; no assault or battery.
	810.145 (8) (b)	2nd	Digital voyeurism; certain minor victims; 2nd or



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subsequent offense.

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812.014 (2) (b) 1.            2nd    Property stolen \$20,000 or  
more, but less than \$100,000,  
grand theft in 2nd degree.

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812.014 (2) (c) 5.           3rd    Grand theft; third degree;  
firearm.

197

812.014 (6)                   2nd    Theft; property stolen \$3,000  
or more; coordination of  
others.

198

812.015 (9) (a)              2nd    Retail theft; property stolen  
\$750 or more; second or  
subsequent conviction.

199

812.015 (9) (b)              2nd    Retail theft; aggregated  
property stolen within 120 days  
is \$3,000 or more; coordination  
of others.

200

812.015 (9) (d)              2nd    Retail theft; multiple thefts  
within specified period.

201

812.015 (9) (e)              2nd    Retail theft; committed with  
specified number of other  
persons and use of social media  
platform.

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202

812.13 (2) (c) 2nd Robbery, no firearm or other  
weapon (strong-arm robbery).

203

817.4821 (5) 2nd Possess cloning paraphernalia  
with intent to create cloned  
cellular telephones.

204

817.49 (2) (b) 2. 2nd Willful making of a false  
report of a crime resulting in  
death.

205

817.505 (4) (b) 2nd Patient brokering; 10 or more  
patients.

206

817.5695 (3) (b) 2nd Exploitation of person 65 years  
of age or older, value \$10,000  
or more, but less than \$50,000.

207

825.102 (1) 3rd Abuse of an elderly person or  
disabled adult.

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825.102 (3) (c) 3rd Neglect of an elderly person or  
disabled adult.

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825.1025 (3) 3rd Lewd or lascivious molestation  
of an elderly person or  
disabled adult.

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825.103(3)(c) 3rd Exploiting an elderly person or disabled adult and property is valued at less than \$10,000.

827.03(2)(c) 3rd Abuse of a child.

827.03(2)(d) 3rd Neglect of a child.

827.071(5) 3rd Possess, control, or intentionally view any photographic material, motion picture, etc., which includes child pornography.

828.126(3) 3rd Sexual activities involving animals.

836.05 2nd Threats; extortion.

836.10 2nd Written or electronic threats to kill, do bodily injury, or conduct a mass shooting or an act of terrorism.

843.12 3rd Aids or assists person to escape.

847.011 3rd Distributing, offering to distribute, or possessing with

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intent to distribute obscene  
materials depicting minors.

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847.012

3rd

Knowingly using a minor in the  
production of materials harmful  
to minors.

220

847.0135(2)

3rd

Facilitates sexual conduct of  
or with a minor or the visual  
depiction of such conduct.

221

893.131

2nd

Distribution of controlled  
substances resulting in  
overdose or serious bodily  
injury.

222

914.23

2nd

Retaliation against a witness,  
victim, or informant, with  
bodily injury.

223

918.13(2)(b)

2nd

Tampering with or fabricating  
physical evidence relating to a  
capital felony.

224

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

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bodily harm.

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944.40 2nd Escapes.

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944.46 3rd Harboring, concealing, aiding  
escaped prisoners.

227

944.47 (1) (a) 5. 2nd Introduction of contraband  
(firearm, weapon, or explosive)  
into correctional facility.

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951.22 (1) (i) 3rd Firearm or weapon introduced  
into county detention facility.

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230 (g) LEVEL 7

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Florida Statute	Felony Degree	Description
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233

316.027 (2) (c) 1st Accident involving death,  
failure to stop; leaving scene.

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316.193 (3) (c) 2. 3rd DUI resulting in serious bodily  
injury.

235

316.1935 (3) (b) 1st Causing serious bodily injury  
or death to another person;  
driving at high speed or with

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wanton disregard for safety  
while fleeing or attempting to  
elude law enforcement officer  
who is in a patrol vehicle with  
siren and lights activated.

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327.35 (3) (c) 2.                      3rd      Vessel BUI resulting in serious  
bodily injury.

237

402.319 (2)                              2nd      Misrepresentation and  
negligence or intentional act  
resulting in great bodily harm,  
permanent disfiguration,  
permanent disability, or death.

238

409.920                                      3rd      Medicaid provider fraud;  
(2) (b) 1.a.                              \$10,000 or less.

239

409.920                                      2nd      Medicaid provider fraud; more  
(2) (b) 1.b.                              than \$10,000, but less than  
\$50,000.

240

456.065 (2)                                3rd      Practicing a health care  
profession without a license.

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456.065 (2)                                2nd      Practicing a health care  
profession without a license  
which results in serious bodily  
injury.

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458.327(1) 3rd Practicing medicine without a  
license.

243

459.013(1) 3rd Practicing osteopathic medicine  
without a license.

244

460.411(1) 3rd Practicing chiropractic  
medicine without a license.

245

461.012(1) 3rd Practicing podiatric medicine  
without a license.

246

462.17 3rd Practicing naturopathy without  
a license.

247

463.015(1) 3rd Practicing optometry without a  
license.

248

464.016(1) 3rd Practicing nursing without a  
license.

249

465.015(2) 3rd Practicing pharmacy without a  
license.

250

466.026(1) 3rd Practicing dentistry or dental  
hygiene without a license.

251

467.201 3rd Practicing midwifery without a

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license.

252

468.366

3rd

Delivering respiratory care  
services without a license.

253

483.828 (1)

3rd

Practicing as clinical  
laboratory personnel without a  
license.

254

483.901 (7)

3rd

Practicing medical physics  
without a license.

255

484.013 (1) (c)

3rd

Preparing or dispensing optical  
devices without a prescription.

256

484.053

3rd

Dispensing hearing aids without  
a license.

257

494.0018 (2)

1st

Conviction of any violation of  
chapter 494 in which the total  
money and property unlawfully  
obtained exceeded \$50,000 and  
there were five or more  
victims.

258

560.123 (8) (b) 1.

3rd

Failure to report currency or  
payment instruments exceeding  
\$300 but less than \$20,000 by a  
money services business.



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560.125 (5) (a) 3rd Money services business by  
unauthorized person, currency  
or payment instruments  
exceeding \$300 but less than  
\$20,000.

260

655.50 (10) (b) 1. 3rd Failure to report financial  
transactions exceeding \$300 but  
less than \$20,000 by financial  
institution.

261

775.21 (10) (a) 3rd Sexual predator; failure to  
register; failure to renew  
driver license or  
identification card; other  
registration violations.

262

775.21 (10) (b) 3rd Sexual predator working where  
children regularly congregate.

263

775.21 (10) (g) 3rd Failure to report or providing  
false information about a  
sexual predator; harbor or  
conceal a sexual predator.

264

782.051 (3) 2nd Attempted felony murder of a  
person by a person other than  
the perpetrator or the

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perpetrator of an attempted  
felony.

265

782.07(1)

2nd

Killing of a human being by the  
act, procurement, or culpable  
negligence of another  
(manslaughter).

266

782.071

2nd

Killing of a human being or  
unborn child by the operation  
of a motor vehicle in a  
reckless manner (vehicular  
homicide).

267

782.072

2nd

Killing of a human being by the  
operation of a vessel in a  
reckless manner (vessel  
homicide).

268

784.045(1)(a)1.

2nd

Aggravated battery;  
intentionally causing great  
bodily harm or disfigurement.

269

784.045(1)(a)2.

2nd

Aggravated battery; using  
deadly weapon.

270

784.045(1)(b)

2nd

Aggravated battery; perpetrator  
aware victim pregnant.

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784.048 (4)

3rd

Aggravated stalking; violation  
of injunction or court order.

784.048 (7)

3rd

Aggravated stalking; violation  
of court order.

784.07 (2) (d)

1st

Aggravated battery on law  
enforcement officer, utility  
worker, firefighter, etc.

784.074 (1) (a)

1st

Aggravated battery on sexually  
violent predators facility  
staff.

784.08 (2) (a)

1st

Aggravated battery on a person  
65 years of age or older.

784.081 (1)

1st

Aggravated battery on specified  
official or employee.

784.082 (1)

1st

Aggravated battery by detained  
person on visitor or other  
detainee.

784.083 (1)

1st

Aggravated battery on code  
inspector.

787.06 (3) (a) 2.

1st

Human trafficking using  
coercion for labor and services

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of an adult.

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787.06(3)(e)2.

1st

Human trafficking using coercion for labor and services by the transfer or transport of an adult from outside Florida to within the state.

281

790.07(4)

1st

Specified weapons violation subsequent to previous conviction of s. 790.07(1) or (2).

282

790.16(1)

1st

Discharge of a machine gun under specified circumstances.

283

790.165(2)

2nd

Manufacture, sell, possess, or deliver hoax bomb.

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790.165(3)

2nd

Possessing, displaying, or threatening to use any hoax bomb while committing or attempting to commit a felony.

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790.166(3)

2nd

Possessing, selling, using, or attempting to use a hoax weapon of mass destruction.

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790.166(4)

2nd

Possessing, displaying, or

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threatening to use a hoax  
weapon of mass destruction  
while committing or attempting  
to commit a felony.

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790.23                      1st, PBL   Possession of a firearm by a  
person who qualifies for the  
penalty enhancements provided  
for in s. 874.04.

288

794.08(4)                      3rd      Female genital mutilation;  
consent by a parent, guardian,  
or a person in custodial  
authority to a victim younger  
than 18 years of age.

289

796.05(1)                      1st      Live on earnings of a  
prostitute; 2nd offense.

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796.05(1)                      1st      Live on earnings of a  
prostitute; 3rd and subsequent  
offense.

291

800.04(5)(c)1.                      2nd      Lewd or lascivious molestation;  
victim younger than 12 years of  
age; offender younger than 18  
years of age.

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800.04(5)(c)2.                      2nd      Lewd or lascivious molestation;

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victim 12 years of age or older  
but younger than 16 years of  
age; offender 18 years of age  
or older.

293

800.04 (5) (e)            1st    Lewd or lascivious molestation;  
victim 12 years of age or older  
but younger than 16 years;  
offender 18 years or older;  
prior conviction for specified  
sex offense.

294

806.01 (2)                2nd    Maliciously damage structure by  
fire or explosive.

295

810.02 (3) (a)            2nd    Burglary of occupied dwelling;  
unarmed; no assault or battery.

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810.02 (3) (b)            2nd    Burglary of unoccupied  
dwelling; unarmed; no assault  
or battery.

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810.02 (3) (d)            2nd    Burglary of occupied  
conveyance; unarmed; no assault  
or battery.

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810.02 (3) (e)            2nd    Burglary of authorized  
emergency vehicle.

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812.014(2)(a)1. 1st Property stolen, valued at \$100,000 or more or a semitrailer deployed by a law enforcement officer; property stolen while causing other property damage; 1st degree grand theft.

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812.014(2)(b)2. 2nd Property stolen, cargo valued at less than \$50,000, grand theft in 2nd degree.

302

812.014(2)(b)3. 2nd Property stolen, emergency medical equipment; 2nd degree grand theft.

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812.014(2)(b)4. 2nd Property stolen, law enforcement equipment from authorized emergency vehicle.

304

812.014(2)(g) 2nd Grand theft; second degree; firearm with previous conviction of s.  
812.014(2)(c)5.

305

812.0145(2)(a) 1st Theft from person 65 years of age or older; \$50,000 or more.

812.019(2) 1st Stolen property; initiates,

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organizes, plans, etc., the  
theft of property and traffics  
in stolen property.

306

812.131 (2) (a) 2nd Robbery by sudden snatching.

307

812.133 (2) (b) 1st Carjacking; no firearm, deadly  
weapon, or other weapon.

308

817.034 (4) (a) 1. 1st Communications fraud, value  
greater than \$50,000.

309

817.234 (8) (a) 2nd Solicitation of motor vehicle  
accident victims with intent to  
defraud.

310

817.234 (9) 2nd Organizing, planning, or  
participating in an intentional  
motor vehicle collision.

311

817.234 (11) (c) 1st Insurance fraud; property value  
\$100,000 or more.

312

817.2341 1st Making false entries of  
(2) (b) & material fact or false  
(3) (b) statements regarding property  
values relating to the solvency  
of an insuring entity which are  
a significant cause of the



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insolvency of that entity.

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817.418(2)(a) 3rd Offering for sale or  
advertising personal protective  
equipment with intent to  
defraud.

314

817.504(1)(a) 3rd Offering or advertising a  
vaccine with intent to defraud.

315

817.535(2)(a) 3rd Filing false lien or other  
unauthorized document.

316

817.611(2)(b) 2nd Traffic in or possess 15 to 49  
counterfeit credit cards or  
related documents.

317

825.102(3)(b) 2nd Neglecting an elderly person or  
disabled adult causing great  
bodily harm, disability, or  
disfigurement.

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825.103(3)(b) 2nd Exploiting an elderly person or  
disabled adult and property is  
valued at \$10,000 or more, but  
less than \$50,000.

319

827.03(2)(b) 2nd Neglect of a child causing  
great bodily harm, disability,

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or disfigurement.

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827.04(3)

3rd

Impregnation of a child under  
16 years of age by person 21  
years of age or older.

321

827.071(2) &amp; (3)

2nd

Use or induce a child in a  
sexual performance, or promote  
or direct such performance.

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827.071(4)

2nd

Possess with intent to promote  
any photographic material,  
motion picture, etc., which  
includes child pornography.

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837.05(2)

3rd

Giving false information about  
alleged capital felony to a law  
enforcement officer.

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838.015

2nd

Bribery.

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838.016

2nd

Unlawful compensation or reward  
for official behavior.

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838.021(3) (a)

2nd

Unlawful harm to a public  
servant.

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838.22

2nd

Bid tampering.

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843.0855(2)

3rd

Impersonation of a public  
officer or employee.

843.0855(3)

3rd

Unlawful simulation of legal  
process.

843.0855(4)

3rd

Intimidation of a public  
officer or employee.

847.0135(3)

3rd

Solicitation of a child, via a  
computer service, to commit an  
unlawful sex act.

847.0135(4)

2nd

Traveling to meet a minor to  
commit an unlawful sex act.

872.06

2nd

Abuse of a dead human body.

874.05(2)(b)

1st

Encouraging or recruiting  
person under 13 to join a  
criminal gang; second or  
subsequent offense.

874.10

1st, PBL

Knowingly initiates, organizes,  
plans, finances, directs,  
manages, or supervises criminal  
gang-related activity.

893.13(1)(c)1.

1st

Sell, manufacture, or deliver

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cocaine (or other drug  
prohibited under s.  
893.03(1)(a), (1)(b), (1)(d),  
(2)(a), (2)(b), or (2)(c)5.)  
within 1,000 feet of a child  
care facility, school, or  
state, county, or municipal  
park or publicly owned  
recreational facility or  
community center.

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893.13(1)(e)1.            1st    Sell, manufacture, or deliver  
cocaine or other drug  
prohibited under s.  
893.03(1)(a), (1)(b), (1)(d),  
(2)(a), (2)(b), or (2)(c)5.,  
within 1,000 feet of property  
used for religious services or  
a specified business site.

338

893.13(4)(a)            1st    Use or hire of minor; deliver  
to minor other controlled  
substance.

339

893.135(1)(a)1.            1st    Trafficking in cannabis, more  
than 25 lbs., less than 2,000  
lbs.

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893.135            1st    Trafficking in cocaine, more

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(1) (b) 1.a.

than 28 grams, less than 200  
grams.

893.135

1st

(1) (c) 1.a.

Trafficking in illegal drugs,  
more than 4 grams, less than 14  
grams.

893.135

1st

(1) (c) 2.a.

Trafficking in hydrocodone, 28  
grams or more, less than 50  
grams.

893.135

1st

(1) (c) 2.b.

Trafficking in hydrocodone, 50  
grams or more, less than 100  
grams.

893.135

1st

(1) (c) 3.a.

Trafficking in oxycodone, 7  
grams or more, less than 14  
grams.

893.135

1st

(1) (c) 3.b.

Trafficking in oxycodone, 14  
grams or more, less than 25  
grams.

893.135

1st

(1) (c) 4.b. (I)

Trafficking in fentanyl, 4  
grams or more, less than 14  
grams.

893.135

1st

(1) (d) 1.a.

Trafficking in phencyclidine,  
28 grams or more, less than 200

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grams.

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893.135(1)(e)1. 1st Trafficking in methaqualone,  
200 grams or more, less than 5  
kilograms.

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893.135(1)(f)1. 1st Trafficking in amphetamine, 14  
grams or more, less than 28  
grams.

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893.135 1st Trafficking in flunitrazepam, 4  
(1)(g)1.a. grams or more, less than 14  
grams.

351

893.135 1st Trafficking in gamma-  
(1)(h)1.a. hydroxybutyric acid (GHB), 1  
kilogram or more, less than 5  
kilograms.

352

893.135 1st Trafficking in 1,4-Butanediol,  
(1)(j)1.a. 1 kilogram or more, less than 5  
kilograms.

353

893.135 1st Trafficking in Phenethylamines,  
(1)(k)2.a. 10 grams or more, less than 200  
grams.

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893.135 1st Trafficking in synthetic  
(1)(m)2.a. cannabinoids, 280 grams or

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more, less than 500 grams.

893.135  
(1) (m) 2.b.

1st

Trafficking in synthetic  
cannabinoids, 500 grams or  
more, less than 1,000 grams.

893.135  
(1) (n) 2.a.

1st

Trafficking in n-benzyl  
phenethylamines, 14 grams or  
more, less than 100 grams.

893.1351 (2)

2nd

Possession of place for  
trafficking in or manufacturing  
of controlled substance.

896.101 (5) (a)

3rd

Money laundering, financial  
transactions exceeding \$300 but  
less than \$20,000.

896.104 (4) (a) 1.

3rd

Structuring transactions to  
evade reporting or registration  
requirements, financial  
transactions exceeding \$300 but  
less than \$20,000.

943.0435 (4) (c)

2nd

Sexual offender vacating  
permanent residence; failure to  
comply with reporting  
requirements.

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943.0435(8)

2nd

Sexual offender; remains in  
state after indicating intent  
to leave; failure to comply  
with reporting requirements.

943.0435(9)(a)

3rd

Sexual offender; failure to  
comply with reporting  
requirements.

943.0435(13)

3rd

Failure to report or providing  
false information about a  
sexual offender; harbor or  
conceal a sexual offender.

943.0435(14)

3rd

Sexual offender; failure to  
report and reregister; failure  
to respond to address  
verification; providing false  
registration information.

944.607(9)

3rd

Sexual offender; failure to  
comply with reporting  
requirements.

944.607(10)(a)

3rd

Sexual offender; failure to  
submit to the taking of a  
digitized photograph.

944.607(12)

3rd

Failure to report or providing



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false information about a  
sexual offender; harbor or  
conceal a sexual offender.

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944.607(13)

3rd

Sexual offender; failure to  
report and reregister; failure  
to respond to address  
verification; providing false  
registration information.

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985.4815(10)

3rd

Sexual offender; failure to  
submit to the taking of a  
digitized photograph.

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985.4815(12)

3rd

Failure to report or providing  
false information about a  
sexual offender; harbor or  
conceal a sexual offender.

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985.4815(13)

3rd

Sexual offender; failure to  
report and reregister; failure  
to respond to address  
verification; providing false  
registration information.

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373 Section 4. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section  
374 943.051, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

375 943.051 Criminal justice information; collection and  
376 storage; fingerprinting.—

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(3)

(b) A minor who is charged with or found to have committed the following offenses shall be fingerprinted and the fingerprints shall be submitted electronically to the department, unless the minor is issued a prearrest delinquency citation pursuant to s. 985.12:

1. Assault, as defined in s. 784.011.

2. Battery, as defined in s. 784.03.

3. Carrying a concealed weapon, as defined in s. 790.01(2).

4. Unlawful use of destructive devices or bombs, as defined in s. 790.1615(1).

5. Neglect of a child, as defined in s. 827.03(1)(e).

6. Assault or battery on a law enforcement officer, a firefighter, or other specified persons ~~officers~~, as provided ~~defined~~ in s. 784.07 ~~784.07(2)(a) and (b)~~.

7. Open carrying of a weapon, as defined in s. 790.053.

8. Exposure of sexual organs, as defined in s. 800.03.

9. Unlawful possession of a firearm, as defined in s. 790.22(5).

10. Petit theft, as defined in s. 812.014(3).

11. Cruelty to animals, as defined in s. 828.12(1).

12. Arson, as defined in s. 806.031(1).

13. Unlawful possession or discharge of a weapon or firearm at a school-sponsored event or on school property, as provided in s. 790.115.

Section 5. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 985.11, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

985.11 Fingerprinting and photographing.—

(1)

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(b) Unless the child is issued a prearrest delinquency citation pursuant to s. 985.12, a child who is charged with or found to have committed one of the following offenses shall be fingerprinted, and the fingerprints shall be submitted to the Department of Law Enforcement as provided in s. 943.051(3)(b):

1. Assault, as defined in s. 784.011.
2. Battery, as defined in s. 784.03.
3. Carrying a concealed weapon, as defined in s. 790.01(2).
4. Unlawful use of destructive devices or bombs, as defined in s. 790.1615(1).
5. Neglect of a child, as defined in s. 827.03(1)(e).
6. Assault on a law enforcement officer, a firefighter, or other specified persons ~~officers~~, as defined in s. 784.07 ~~784.07(2)(a)~~.
7. Open carrying of a weapon, as defined in s. 790.053.
8. Exposure of sexual organs, as defined in s. 800.03.
9. Unlawful possession of a firearm, as defined in s. 790.22(5).
10. Petit theft, as defined in s. 812.014.
11. Cruelty to animals, as defined in s. 828.12(1).
12. Arson, resulting in bodily harm to a firefighter, as defined in s. 806.031(1).
13. Unlawful possession or discharge of a weapon or firearm at a school-sponsored event or on school property as defined in s. 790.115.

A law enforcement agency may fingerprint and photograph a child taken into custody upon probable cause that such child has committed any other violation of law, as the agency deems

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appropriate. Such fingerprint records and photographs shall be retained by the law enforcement agency in a separate file, and these records and all copies thereof must be marked "Juvenile Confidential." These records are not available for public disclosure and inspection under s. 119.07(1) except as provided in ss. 943.053 and 985.04(2), but shall be available to other law enforcement agencies, criminal justice agencies, state attorneys, the courts, the child, the parents or legal custodians of the child, their attorneys, and any other person authorized by the court to have access to such records. In addition, such records may be submitted to the Department of Law Enforcement for inclusion in the state criminal history records and used by criminal justice agencies for criminal justice purposes. These records may, in the discretion of the court, be open to inspection by anyone upon a showing of cause. The fingerprint and photograph records shall be produced in the court whenever directed by the court. Any photograph taken pursuant to this section may be shown by a law enforcement officer to any victim or witness of a crime for the purpose of identifying the person who committed such crime.

Section 6. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 985.644, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

985.644 Departmental contracting powers; personnel standards and investigation.—

(3)(a) All employees of the department and all personnel of contract providers for any program for children, including all owners, operators, employees, persons who have access to confidential juvenile records, and volunteers, must complete:

1. A level 2 employment screening pursuant to chapter 435

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before employment. The security background investigation conducted under this section must ensure that, in addition to the disqualifying offenses listed in s. 435.04, no person subject to the background screening provisions of this section has an arrest awaiting final disposition for, been found guilty of, regardless of adjudication, or entered a plea of nolo contendere or guilty to, or been adjudicated delinquent and the record has not been sealed or expunged for, any offense prohibited under the following provisions of state law or similar laws of another jurisdiction:

a. Section 784.07, relating to assault or battery of law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical care providers, public transit employees or agents, or other specified persons ~~officers~~.

b. Section 817.568, relating to criminal use of personal identification information.

2. A national criminal records check by the Federal Bureau of Investigation every 5 years following the date of the person's employment.

Section 7. This act shall take effect October 1, 2025.