SB 1864 – Vulnerable Child Protection Act (Identical HB 1365)

This bill creates s. 456.0335, F.S., establishing an unranked, 2nd degree felony (Level 4 by default) for “a health care practitioner who engages in” a list of “practices upon a minor, or who causes such practices to be performed upon a minor, for the purpose of attempting to change the minor's sex, or for the purpose of affirming the minor's perception of the minor's sex if that perception is inconsistent with the minor's sex.”

There are multiple felonies listed under Chapter 456. Per DOC, in FY 18-19, there were 3 new commitments to prison, though all were committed for felonies regarding practicing health care without a license. It is not known how many minors are currently practiced upon by a health care practitioner under the language in this bill, but there are a small number of offenders admitted to prison for the felonies listed in this chapter.

CONFERENCE ADOPTED ESTIMATE: Positive Insignificant

Requested by: House