

SB 510 – Sexual Predators (Identical HB 1301)

This bill amends s. 775.21, F.S., creating a **level 7, 3rd degree felony** for a sexual predator using or operating a drone in order “to view or record an image of a minor who is on or at the minor's domicile or on or at a business, school, child care facility, park, playground, or other place where children regularly congregate. Sexual predator is also specifically defined by a list of statutes.

Per FDLE, as of June 2015, there were 3,051 sexual predators in Florida who were not incarcerated or civilly committed. There is no available data on drone usage by sexual predators.

Although 80 (adj.) sexual predators have been sentenced for the various penalties listed under s. 775.21, F.S., with 46 (adj.) sentenced to prison, which generally involved failure to report address changes, providing false information, and failure to register, there were no sexual predators sentenced for “working, whether for compensation or as a volunteer, at any business, school, child care facility, park, playground, or other place where children regularly congregate.”

In FY 14-15, the incarceration rate for a level 7, 3rd degree felony was 50.9%.

CONFERENCE ADOPTED ESTIMATE: Positive Insignificant

Requested by: Senate and House