

## **CS/HB 157 – Sentencing (Identical SB 1068)**

Creates s. 950.021, F.S., permitting courts to sentence an offender to a term in the county jail for up to 24 months if the offender meets certain criteria, including total sentence points between 44 and 60 points, the primary offense is not a forcible felony (although third degree felonies under chapter 810 are eligible), and the primary offense is not punishable by a minimum mandatory sentence of more than 24 months. However, there must be a contractual agreement between the chief correctional officer of that county and the Department of Corrections for the court to be permitted to utilize this sentencing choice.

Per DOC, in FY 15-16, there were 4,200 inmates admitted to prison that fit this criteria. It is not known how many counties would participate in these contracts.

### **CONFERENCE ADOPTED ESTIMATE: **Negative Indeterminate****

- **Given the specific provisions of the bill, the budgetary impact will potentially exceed the capital and operating impact costs for the department adopted by the conference.**

**Requested by: House**