HB 575 – Threats to Kill or Do Bodily Injury (Identical SB 260)

Amends s. 836.10, F.S., deleting requirements that a threat be sent to a specific recipient in order to be prohibited. It now states that a "person who makes a threat in a writing or other record, including an electronic record, to kill or to do bodily injury to another person and posts or transmits the threat in any manner" would commit a Level 6, 2nd degree felony.

Per DOC, in FY 15-16, there were 66 (adj.) offenders sentenced for written threats to kill or do bodily injury, and 26 (adj.) of these offenders were sentenced to prison (mean sentence length=47.0 m, incarceration rate: 39.4% adj.-40.0% unadj.). It is not known how many additional offenders would fall under the more expanded definition.

CONFERENCE ADOPTED ESTIMATE: Positive Indeterminate

Requested by: House