CS/SB 1226 – Sentencing for Sexual Offenders and Sexual Predators

This bill amends s. 775.21, F.S., reducing the number of days used to determine residency from 5 to 3 for sexual predators or sexual offenders to register. Furthermore, it adds a mandatory minimum sentence of community control with electronic monitoring that increases with each subsequent offense of failure to timely register for sexual predators (s. 775.21(10), F.S.) and sexual offenders (s. 943.0435, F.S.).

Per FDLE, as of June 2017, there were a total of 28,958 sexual predators and sexual offenders who were not incarcerated in the state of Florida. Per DOC, in FY 16-17, there were 1,179 (adj.) offenders sentenced for registration offenses, and 618 (adj.) of these offenders were sentenced to prison (mean sentence length=62.5 m, incarceration rate: 52.4% adj.-52.4% unadj.). It is not known how many more offenders will be charged with these offenses with the reduction in days used to determine residency.

CONFERENCE ADOPTED ESTIMATE: Positive Indeterminate

Requested by: House