CS/HB 329 – Electronic Monitoring of Persons Charged with or Convicted of Offenses Involving Schools or Students

This bill creates s. 948.301, F.S., defining what "school" means under this statute and stating that "effective for any probationer or community controllee whose crime was committed on or after October 1, 2023, and who is placed under supervision for a violation of" a list of statutes that involve violence, or the threat of violence, "committed at or against a school or against a student while he or she is at school, the court must consider whether conditions of electronic monitoring and a prohibition from being within 1,000 feet of any school are appropriate for the offender."

Per DOC, in FY 21-22, there were 233 admissions to supervision for a violation of the violence/threat of violence statutes listed in the bill. Of this number, 29 of the admissions were for violations of statutes that specifically involved schools. It is not known how many of the remaining number of admissions involved schools or students at schools. The impact on the prison system would be indirect, and caused by a potential increase in technical violators due to the language in this bill. In FY 21-22, there were 12,957 technical violators, with 4,107 (31.7%) sentenced to prison.

CONFERENCE ADOPTED ESTIMATE: No Impact

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