

CS/HB 67 – Protection of Specified Personnel

This bill amends s. 836.12, F.S., defining “judicial assistant” and adding the following to the current 1st degree misdemeanor (new language in bold): “any person who **knowingly and willfully** threatens a law enforcement officer, a state attorney, an assistant state attorney, a firefighter, a judge, **a justice, a judicial assistant**, or an elected official, or a family member of **any** such **person**, with death or serious bodily harm.” This new language would also impact the Level 1, 3rd degree felony for “a person who commits a second or subsequent violation.” Finally, this bill adds a **1st degree misdemeanor** for “any person who knowingly and willfully harasses a law enforcement officer, a state attorney, an assistant state attorney, a firefighter, a judge, a justice, a judicial assistant, or an elected official, with the intent to intimidate or coerce such a person to perform or refrain from performing a lawful duty.”

Per DOC, there have been no new commitments to prison under s. 836.12, F.S. in the last four fiscal years.

CONFERENCE ADOPTED ESTIMATE: Positive Insignificant

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