

## **HB 713 – Battery Offenses**

This bill amends s. 784.085, F.S., a Level 4, 3<sup>rd</sup> degree felony, deleting the word “child” as a victim from the language and replacing it with “person,” so that it reads as follows: “It is unlawful for any person, except a child as defined in this section, to knowingly cause or attempt to cause a person to come into contact with blood, seminal fluid, or urine or feces by throwing, tossing, projecting, or expelling such fluid or material.”

Per DOC, in FY 22-23, there were two new commitments to prison for a violation of s. 784.085, F.S.

Per FDLE, in FY 22-23, there were 57,947 arrests for misdemeanor battery, as well as 9,350 guilty/convicted charges and 4,503 adjudications withheld. It is not known how many these offenders committed the offense described in this bill, so it is not known how prisons would be impacted by this new language.

**CONFERENCE ADOPTED ESTIMATE: Positive Indeterminate**

**Requested by: House**