

CS/CS/CS/HB 1059 – Exploitation of a Vulnerable Adult

This bill creates s. 825.1035, F.S., adding “a cause of action for an injunction for protection against exploitation of a vulnerable adult,” with exploitation having the same meaning as exploitation of an elderly person or disabled adult. It also creates s. 825.1036, F.S., adding an **unranked, 3rd degree felony** for “a person who has two or more prior convictions for violation of an injunction or foreign protection order against the same victim, and who subsequently commits a violation of any injunction or foreign protection order against the same victim.”

Per DOC, in FY 16-17, 173 (adj.) offenders were sentenced for offenses under s. 825.103, F.S., the exploitation of an elderly person or disabled adult, with 59 (adj.) sentenced to prison (mean sentence length=33.3 m, incarceration rate: 34.1% adj.-34.4% unadj.).

In FY 16-17, the incarceration rate for an unranked, 3rd degree felony was 9.5%.

CONFERENCE ADOPTED ESTIMATE: Positive Insignificant

- **This impact of this language was initially adopted in CS/CS/HB 1059.**