

CS/HB 45 – Sexual Offenders and Sexual Predators

This bill amends multiple statutes. First, it amends s. 775.215, F.S., referencing the definitions of “public bathing place” and “public swimming pool” in s. 514.011, F.S., adding “public spray pool” and “public splash pad,” then adding “public swimming pool” and “public bathing place” to areas where a person convicted of certain sexual offenses is restricted from residing within 1,000 feet, adding an **unranked, 3rd degree felony (Level 1 by default)** if their prior sexual offense was a 1st degree felony, and a **1st degree misdemeanor** if their prior sexual offense was a 2nd degree or 3rd degree felony. This matches with other similar offenses under this statute. These offenses also apply to those who committed sexual offenses after July 1, 2026.

It also amends, s. 943.04351, for what types of employment require searching for whether a person is a registered sexual predator or sexual offender, adding “public swimming pool” and “public bathing place,” and replacing day care center with “child care facility.” Furthermore, it adds both “public swimming pool” and “public bathing place” to the definitions under s. 947.005, F.S. and s. 948.001, F.S., and adds them to s. 947.1405, F.S. regarding conditional release and to s. 948.30, F.S., pertaining to terms and conditions of probation or community control for certain sexual offenses, also including these terms for prohibitions on residence within 1,000 feet, employment, and visiting these areas. These offenses also apply to those who committed sexual offenses after July 1, 2026. This language could also lead to additional violations of conditional release, probation, or community control under s. 947.1405, F.S. and s. 948.30, F.S. that could result in a return to prison.

Per DOC, in FY 24-25, there were no new commitments to prison for a violation of s. 775.215, F.S. Per DOC, in FY 24-25, there were 5,589 offenders returned to prison for conditional release, probation, and community control violations. As of October 10th, 2025, there was a population of 6,124 offenders under supervision who could potentially be impacted by this new language, though it is not known how many would commit future violations under this language.

CONFERENCE ADOPTED ESTIMATE: Positive Indeterminate

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