

CS/HB 643 – Violations of Injunctions for Protection Against Domestic Violence

This bill amends s. 741.31, F.S. for a violation of an injunction for protection against domestic violence, reducing that prior convictions for such a violation have to be two or more to only a single prior conviction and adding that the prior conviction can also include any assault or battery. Currently, the prior convictions are limited to a violation of an injunction for protection against domestic violence, so reducing it to one conviction and adding other offenses would expand the number of potential offenders under the Level 1, 3rd degree felony. It also adds that “a person convicted of violating this paragraph must be sentenced to a minimum of 10 days in the county jail for each violation, unless the court sentences the person to a nonsuspended period of incarceration in a state correctional facility.”

Per DOC, in FY 24-25, there were 9 new commitments to prison for a violation of an injunction against domestic violence. It is not known how many additional commitments there would be by reducing prior violations to one, nor is it known how the addition of any assault or battery as a prior violation would increase the number of commitments.

CONFERENCE ADOPTED ESTIMATE: Positive Indeterminate

Requested by: House