

SB 1662 – Sexual Offenders (Identical HB 1333)

This bill amends multiple statutes expanding sexual predator and sexual offender registration requirements in several areas. This includes any changes to phone numbers, employment, and status at an institution of higher learning to be reported within 48 hours, revising international travel requirements to report all planned international travel information to the sheriff's office at least 21 days prior to departure, as well as new definitions and clarifications within the bill. It also adds s. 825.1025(2)(a), F.S., "lewd or lascivious battery upon an elderly or disabled person, as an offense that requires sexual offenders to register quarterly and for life." Furthermore, it now requires "those parents/guardians who falsely imprison/kidnap/lure for a sexual purpose to register as a sexual offender/predator." Finally, it "clarifies the criteria for relief from sexual offender/predator registration requirements under the "Romeo and Juliet" (R&J) statute 943.04354(2), F.S., specifying "that the criterion to 'not conflict with federal law' means that the sexual act was consensual, notwithstanding the age of the victim."

Per DOC, in FY 14-15, 1 offender was sentenced for s. 825.1025(2)(a), F.S., and that offender received prison (sentence length=48.0 m). There were 558 (adj.) offenders sentenced under s. 787.01, F.S., s. 787.02, F.S., or s. 787.025(2)(c), F.S., and 265 (adj.) of these offenders were sentenced to prison (mean sentence length=109.2 m, incarceration rate: 47.5% adj.-47.5% unadj.). It is unknown how many of these offenders were parents and how many offenses had a sexual component.

Per DOC, in FY 14-15, there were 1,145 (adj.) offenders sentenced for offenses related to sexual offenders and sexual predators, with 620 (adj.) of these offenders sentenced to prison (mean sentence length=43.4 m, incarceration rate: 54.2% adj.-54.1% unadj.). It is unknown how many additional offenders might be added due to changes made in this bill.

CONFERENCE ADOPTED ESTIMATE: Positive Indeterminate

Requested by: Senate and House