

Committee on Criminal Justice

CS/HB 1301 — Sexual Offenders and Predators

by Justice Appropriations Subcommittee and Rep. Fitzenhagen and others (CS/SB 1226 by Criminal Justice Committee and Senators Book and Hutson)

The bill modifies definitions of the terms “permanent residence,” “temporary residence,” and “transient residence,” which are relevant to reporting residence information under Florida laws requiring reporting of certain information by those persons required to register as a sexual predator or sexual offender. The bill decreases from 5 days to 3 days the time period in which a person must abide, lodge, or reside at a place in order to meet any of the definitions for reporting purposes.

The bill also requires a court to impose the following mandatory terms of community control with electronic monitoring for sexual predators and sexual offenders who commit a felony violation of the registry laws, if the court does not impose a prison sentence:

- For a first offense, a mandatory minimum term of 6 months;
- For a second offense, a mandatory minimum term of 1 year; and
- For a third or subsequent offense, a mandatory minimum term of 2 years.

The bill excludes mandatory community control with electronic monitoring for an offense relating to harboring a sexual predator or sexual offender who is in noncompliance with registration requirements.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2018.

Vote: Senate 35-0; House 98-0