The Florida Senate HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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INTRODUCER: Criminal Justice Committee and Senator Book

SUBJECT: Prohibited Acts in Connection with Obscene or Lewd Materials

DATE: May 1, 2019

I.Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 – 820239 (body)

II.Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 enhances the penalties related to possession of a child-like sex doll.

The amendment makes it a felony of the third degree to knowingly sell, lend, give away, distribute, transmit, show, or transmute; offer to sell, lend, give away, distribute, transmit, show, or transmute; have in his or her possession, custody, or control with the intent to sell, lend, give away, distribute, transmit, show, or transmute; or advertise in any manner an obscene child-like sex doll. A second or subsequent violation is punishable as a felony of the second degree. In contrast, such crimes are punishable in the Senate version as a misdemeanor of the first degree and a felony of the third degree, respectively.

Additionally, the amendment makes it a misdemeanor of the first degree for a person to knowingly have in his or her possession, custody, or control an obscene, child-like sex doll. A second or subsequent violation is punishable as a felony of the third degree. Such crimes are punishable in the Senate version as a misdemeanor of the second degree and a misdemeanor of the first degree, respectively.