

THE FLORIDA SENATE  
2025 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED  
**Committee on Criminal Justice**

**HB 693 — Aggravating Factors for Capital Felonies**

by Rep. Redondo and others (SB 984 by Senator Gruters)

The bill creates an additional aggravating factor for the jury and the sentencing court to consider in determining whether a defendant who has been convicted of a capital felony is eligible to receive a death sentence and whether to recommend a sentence of death or life imprisonment.

The new aggravating factor allows a jury to consider whether the victim of the capital felony was gathered with one or more people for a school activity, religious activity, or a public government meeting when he or she was killed.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect October 1, 2025.

*Vote: Senate 32-5; House 96-10*