

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2026 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Criminal Justice

CS/CS/HB 1525 — Lewd or Lascivious Acts

by Judiciary Committee; Criminal Justice Subcommittee; and Reps. Bankson, Yarkosky, and others (CS/CS/SB 1742 by Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice; Criminal Justice Committee; and Senator Martin)

The bill creates a third degree felony offense of indecent exposure of sexual organs while observing a child. A person commits this offense if that person, while observing a child under 16 years of age for the purpose of his or her own sexual arousal or gratification:

- Intentionally exposes his or her sexual organs in a lewd or lascivious manner; or
- Intentionally performs any sexual act that does not involve actual physical or sexual contact with the child, including, but not limited to, sadomasochistic abuse, sexual bestiality, masturbation, or the simulation of any act involving sexual activity.

It is not a requirement that the person being observed be aware of any specific conduct on the part of the offender or see the offender's sexual organs.

The bill provides an exception for a mother breastfeeding her baby, and an individual who is merely nude in a place provided or set apart for that purpose.

Additionally, the bill repeals s. 800.02, F.S., relating to unnatural lascivious acts.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect on October 1, 2026.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 108-0