

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

CS/SB 656 — Internet Crimes Against Children Programs

by Criminal Justice Committee and Senator Bradley

The bill renames the Online Sting Operations Grant Program within the Department of Law Enforcement, (FDLE) to the Internet Crimes Against Children Grant Program which supports local law enforcement's work to combat online child exploitation. The bill expands the uses of the funds the FDLE must annually award to local law enforcement affiliates to include overtime pay, travel, investigative or digital forensic training, hardware or software.

The bill also creates the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Funding Program within the FDLE. The funding program is meant to provide a stable funding source for the task forces related to law enforcement's efforts to combat internet crimes against children. Funding appropriated to the program must be distributed with eighty percent of appropriated funds divided equally among task forces, and twenty percent to the FDLE to support its efforts in combating Internet crimes against children.

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

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 113-0