The Florida Senate 2022 Summary of Legislation Passed Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs

CS/CS/SB 692 — Sexual Offenses Definitions

by Rules Committee; Criminal Justice Committee; and Senators Stewart and Harrell

This bill amends numerous statutes relating to various sexual offenses, to replace the terms "vagina" or "vaginal" with "female genitals." The bill defines "female genitals" to include the labia majora, labia minora, clitoris, vulva, hymen, and vagina.

The bill amends the following sections to replace such terms and apply the above-described definition:

- Section 365.161, F.S., relating to the prohibition of certain obscene telephone calls;
- Section 491.0112, F.S., relating to sexual misconduct by a psychotherapist;
- Section 775.0847, F.S., relating to possession or promotion of certain images of child pornography;
- Section 794.011, F.S., relating to sexual battery;
- Section 794.05, F.S., relating to the unlawful sexual activity with certain minors;
- Section 796.07, F.S., relating to prohibiting prostitution and related acts;
- Section 800.04, F.S., relating to lewd or lascivious offenses committed upon or in the presence of persons less than 16 years of age;
- Section 825.1025, F.S., relating to lewd or lascivious offenses committed upon or in the presence of an elderly person or disabled person;
- Section 827.071, F.S., relating to sexual performance by a child;
- Section 847.001, F.S., providing definitions relating to obscenity;
- Section 872.06, F.S., relating to abuse of a dead human body;
- Section 944.35, F.S., relating to authorized use of force; malicious battery and sexual misconduct; and
- Section 951.27, F.S., relating to blood tests of inmates.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect October 1, 2022.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 117-0