

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