

## HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

BILL: CS/CS/CS/SB 1258, 1st Eng. [S1258.HMS]  
SPONSOR: Fiscal Policy, Banking and Insurance, and Criminal Justice Committees  
SUBJECT: Money Laundering  
PREPARED BY: Senate Committee on Criminal Justice  
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### I. Amendments Contained in Message

**House Amendment 1 - 281517** (body with title)

### II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message

**House Amendment 1** is a strike everything amendment that incorporates the substance of the Senate CS with four exceptions. First, the amendment includes the House language relevant to a statewide seaport security plan and local plans for the affected seaports. The most important feature of the House language is that the statewide seaport security plan must be approved by the Legislature; the Senate CS does not require legislative approval.

Second, the House requires that various violations of sections in ch. 560, F.S., and a violation of s. 655.50, F.S., be "willful," and provides for civil penalties for violations of s. 655.50, F.S., by financial institutions and persons who are not financial institutions. The Senate CS only requires a "willful" violation if the violator is a financial institution or registered money transmitter. Regarding civil penalties, the Senate CS is similar to the House amendment but also references registered money transmitters.

Third, the House amendment authorizes the court, in specific circumstances, to free temporarily frozen funds for satisfaction of checks date-stamped prior to issuance of the injunctive order. The Senate CS does not contain this provision.

Fourth, the House amendment adds substantive language that creates a financial crimes center and database within the Department of Law Enforcement and specifies the purpose and uses of the center and database. The Senate CS does not contain this provision. (The Senate and House have agreed on funding in the GAA for the financial crimes center and database).