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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

The Committee on Criminal Justice (Perry) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 21 - 51

and insert:

black, bold type font no smaller than 48 point containing the following statement:

"ATTENTION: ASSAULTING A TRANSIT WORKER IS A FELONY PUNISHABLE BY UP TO 5 YEARS IN PRISON."

(2) By July 1, 2021, every public transit provider operating regularly scheduled transit service for the general



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11 public shall create and implement a risk reduction program. Each
12 risk reduction program shall include conflict de-escalation
13 training for transit operators. The risk reduction program may
14 include the deployment of assault mitigation infrastructure and
15 technology on public transit, including barriers to restrict the
16 unwanted entry of individuals and objects into transit
17 operator's workstations.

18 Section 2. The Legislature finds that public transit
19 workers may be subject to assault while performing their jobs.
20 The Legislature further finds and declares that this act
21 fulfills an important state interest in protecting the safety of
22 public transit workers by requiring any public transit providers
23 operating regularly scheduled transit service to conspicuously
24 post signage that provides notification of the criminal
25 penalties for assault on a public transit worker, and to also
26 create and implement a risk reduction program that includes
27 conflict-de-escalation training. The Legislature further finds
28 that these reasonable measures may reduce or prevent attacks on
29 public transit workers.

30 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
31 784.07, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

32 784.07 Assault or battery of law enforcement officers,
33 firefighters, emergency medical care providers, public transit
34 employees or agents, or other specified officers;
35 reclassification of offenses; minimum sentences.-

36 (2) Whenever any person is charged with knowingly
37 committing an assault or battery upon a law enforcement officer,
38 a firefighter, an emergency medical care provider, a railroad
39 special officer, a traffic accident investigation officer as



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40 described in s. 316.640, a nonsworn law enforcement agency
41 employee who is certified as an agency inspector, a blood
42 alcohol analyst, or a breath test operator while such employee
43 is in uniform and engaged in processing, testing, evaluating,
44 analyzing, or transporting a person who is detained or under
45 arrest for DUI, a law enforcement explorer, a traffic infraction
46 enforcement officer as described in s. 316.640, a parking
47 enforcement specialist as defined in s. 316.640, a public
48 transit employee or agent, a person

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51 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

52 And the title is amended as follows:

53 Delete line 8

54 and insert:

55 such a program; authorizing public transit providers
56 to deploy assault mitigation infrastructure; providing
57 a declaration of important state interest; amending s.
58 784.07, F.S.; providing a specific reference to
59 assault or battery on a public transit employee or
60 agent; revising the