

Amendment No.

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	_____	(Y/N)
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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Transportation &  
 2 Infrastructure Subcommittee  
 3 Representative Beltran offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:  
341.0611 Transit worker safety.-

8 (1) By January 1, 2021, every public transit provider  
 9 operating regularly scheduled transit service for the general  
 10 public shall post in at least one conspicuous place at the  
 11 entrance of each public transit vehicle a yellow sign with  
 12 black, bold type font no smaller than 48 point containing the  
 13 following statement:

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

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16           (2) By July 1, 2021, every public transit provider  
17 operating regularly scheduled transit service for the general  
18 public shall create and implement a risk reduction program. Each  
19 risk reduction program shall include conflict de-escalation  
20 training for transit operators. The risk reduction program may  
21 include the deployment of assault mitigation infrastructure and  
22 technology on public transit vehicles, including barriers to  
23 restrict the unwanted entry of individuals and objects into  
24 transit operator's workstations.

25           Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 784.07, Florida  
26 Statutes, is amended to read:

27           784.07 Assault or battery of law enforcement officers,  
28 firefighters, emergency medical care providers, public transit  
29 employees or agents, or other specified officers;  
30 reclassification of offenses; minimum sentences.—

31           (2) Whenever any person is charged with knowingly  
32 committing an assault or battery upon a law enforcement officer,  
33 a firefighter, an emergency medical care provider, a railroad  
34 special officer, a traffic accident investigation officer as  
35 described in s. 316.640, a nonsworn law enforcement agency  
36 employee who is certified as an agency inspector, a blood  
37 alcohol analyst, or a breath test operator while such employee  
38 is in uniform and engaged in processing, testing, evaluating,  
39 analyzing, or transporting a person who is detained or under  
40 arrest for DUI, a law enforcement explorer, a traffic infraction

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41 enforcement officer as described in s. 316.640, a parking  
42 enforcement specialist as defined in s. 316.640, a public  
43 transit employee or agent, a person licensed as a security  
44 officer as defined in s. 493.6101 and wearing a uniform that  
45 bears at least one patch or emblem that is visible at all times  
46 that clearly identifies the employing agency and that clearly  
47 identifies the person as a licensed security officer, or a  
48 security officer employed by the board of trustees of a  
49 community college, while the officer, firefighter, emergency  
50 medical care provider, railroad special officer, traffic  
51 accident investigation officer, traffic infraction enforcement  
52 officer, inspector, analyst, operator, law enforcement explorer,  
53 parking enforcement specialist, public transit employee or  
54 agent, or security officer is engaged in the lawful performance  
55 of his or her duties, the offense for which the person is  
56 charged shall be reclassified as follows:

57 (a) In the case of assault, from a misdemeanor of the  
58 second degree to a felony ~~misdemeanor~~ of the third ~~first~~ degree.

59 (b) In the case of battery, from a misdemeanor of the  
60 first degree to a felony of the third degree.

61 (c) In the case of aggravated assault, from a felony of  
62 the third degree to a felony of the second degree.

63 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any person convicted  
64 of aggravated assault upon a law enforcement officer shall be  
65 sentenced to a minimum term of imprisonment of 3 years.

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66 (d) In the case of aggravated battery, from a felony of  
67 the second degree to a felony of the first degree.  
68 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any person convicted  
69 of aggravated battery of a law enforcement officer shall be  
70 sentenced to a minimum term of imprisonment of 5 years.

71 Section 3. The Legislature finds and declares that this  
72 act fulfills an important state interest.

73 Section 4. This act shall take effect October 1, 2020  
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76 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

77 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:  
78 An act relating to assault on specified persons; creating s.  
79 341.0611, F.S., requiring public transit providers to post a  
80 specified sign concerning assaulting a transit operator;  
81 requiring public transit providers to create and implement a  
82 risk reduction program; specifying requirements for such a  
83 program; authorizing public transit providers to deploy assault  
84 mitigation infrastructure; amending s. 784.07, F.S., providing a  
85 specific reference to assault and battery on a public transit  
86 employee or agent; revising the reclassification of the offense  
87 of assault on specified persons; providing a declaration of  
88 important state interest; providing an effective date.