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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
Comm: RCS	.	
03/27/2023	.	
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The Committee on Criminal Justice (Avila) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 17 - 29

and insert:

(1) As used in this section, the term:

(a) "First responder" includes a law enforcement officer as defined in s. 943.10(1), a firefighter as defined in s. 784.07, and an emergency medical care provider as defined in s. 784.07.

(b) "Harass" means to engage in a course of conduct directed at a first responder which causes substantial emotional



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11 distress in that first responder and serves no legitimate  
12 purpose.

13 (2) (a) It is unlawful for a person, after receiving a  
14 warning not to approach from a first responder who is engaged  
15 in the lawful performance of a legal duty, to violate such  
16 warning and approach or remain within 20 feet of the first  
17 responder with the intent to:

18 1. Interrupt, disrupt, hinder, impede, or interfere with  
19 the first responder's ability to perform such duty;

20 2. Threaten the first responder with physical harm;

21 3. Harass the first responder or

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

25 And the title is amended as follows:

26 Delete lines 2 - 8

27 and insert:

28 An act relating to impeding, threatening, or harassing  
29 first responders; creating s. 843.31, F.S.; defining  
30 the terms "first responder" and "harass"; prohibiting  
31 a person, after receiving a warning not to approach  
32 from a first responder who is engaged in the lawful  
33 performance of a legal duty, to violate such warning  
34 and approach or remain within 20 feet of the first  
35 responder with specified intent; providing criminal  
36 penalties; providing an