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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Section 871.05, Florida Statutes, is created to
read:

871.05 Interference with a sporting or entertainment
event.—

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

(a) "Covered event" means an athletic competition or



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11 practice, including one conducted in a public venue or a live
12 artistic, theatrical, or other entertainment performance event.
13 The duration of such event includes the period from the time
14 when a venue is held open to the public for such an event until
15 the end of the athletic competition or performance event.

16 (b) "Covered participant" means an umpire, officiating crew
17 member, player, coach, manager, groundskeeper, or any artistic,
18 theatrical, or other performer or sanctioned participant in a
19 covered event. The term includes event operations and security
20 employees working at a covered event.

21 (c) "Restricted area" means any area designated for use by
22 players, coaches, officials, performers, or other personnel
23 administering a covered event that is on, or adjacent to, the
24 area of play or performance.

25 (2) A person may not:

26 (a) Intentionally touch or strike a covered participant
27 during a covered event against the will of the covered
28 participant, or intentionally cause bodily harm to a covered
29 participant during a covered event; or

30 (b) Willfully enter or remain in a restricted area during a
31 covered event without being authorized, licensed, or invited to
32 enter or remain in such a restricted area.

33 (3) A person who:

34 (a) Violates subsection (2) commits a misdemeanor of the
35 first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or by a fine
36 of not more than \$2,500.

37 (b) Solicits another person to violate subsection (2) by
38 offering money or any other thing of value to another to engage
39 in specific conduct that constitutes such a violation commits a



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40 felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s.
41 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

42 (4) A person convicted of a violation of this section may
43 not realize any profit or benefit, directly or indirectly, from
44 committing such a violation. Any profit or benefit payable to or
45 accruing to a person convicted of a violation of this section is
46 subject to seizure and forfeiture as provided in the Florida
47 Contraband Forfeiture Act.

48 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2023.

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51 And the title is amended as follows:

52 Delete everything before the enacting clause
53 and insert:

54 A bill to be entitled
55 An act relating to interference with sporting or
56 entertainment events; creating s. 871.05, F.S.;
57 providing definitions; prohibiting certain actions
58 during covered sporting and entertainment events;
59 providing criminal penalties; prohibiting profiting
60 from violations; providing for seizure and forfeiture
61 of specified assets; providing an effective date.