

By Senator Martin

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to interfering with an officer's means
3 of protection or communication; amending s. 843.025,
4 F.S.; prohibiting a person from depriving certain
5 officers of digital recording devices or restraint
6 devices; prohibiting a person from rendering useless
7 certain officer's weapons or radios, digital recording
8 devices, or restraint devices; providing criminal
9 penalties; amending ss. 397.417, 420.6241, 435.04, and
10 921.0022, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made
11 by the act; providing an effective date.

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13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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15 Section 1. Section 843.025, Florida Statutes, is amended to
16 read:

17 843.025 Interfering with an officer's ~~Depriving officer of~~
18 means of protection or communication.—

19 (1) It is unlawful for any person to do any of the
20 following to deprive a law enforcement officer as defined in s.
21 943.10(1), a correctional officer as defined in s. 943.10(2), or
22 a correctional probation officer as defined in s. 943.10(3):

23 (a) Deprive the officer of her or his weapon or radio;
24 digital recording device, including a body-worn camera; or
25 restraint device, including handcuffs, or to otherwise deprive
26 the officer of the means to defend herself or himself or summon
27 assistance.

28 (b) Render useless the officer's weapon or radio; digital
29 recording device, including a body-worn camera; or restraint

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30 device, including handcuffs, or to otherwise prevent the officer
31 from defending herself or himself or to summon assistance.

32 (2) Any person who violates this section commits ~~is guilty~~
33 ~~of~~ a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s.
34 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

35 Section 2. Paragraph (e) of subsection (4) of section
36 397.417, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

37 397.417 Peer specialists.—

38 (4) BACKGROUND SCREENING.—

39 (e) The background screening conducted under this
40 subsection must ensure that a peer specialist has not been
41 arrested for and is awaiting final disposition of, found guilty
42 of, regardless of adjudication, or entered a plea of nolo
43 contendere or guilty to, or been adjudicated delinquent and the
44 record has not been sealed or expunged for, any offense
45 prohibited under any of the following state laws or similar laws
46 of another jurisdiction:

47 1. Section 393.135, relating to sexual misconduct with
48 certain developmentally disabled clients and reporting of such
49 sexual misconduct.

50 2. Section 394.4593, relating to sexual misconduct with
51 certain mental health patients and reporting of such sexual
52 misconduct.

53 3. Section 409.920, relating to Medicaid provider fraud, if
54 the offense was a felony of the first or second degree.

55 4. Section 415.111, relating to abuse, neglect, or
56 exploitation of vulnerable adults.

57 5. Any offense that constitutes domestic violence as
58 defined in s. 741.28.

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- 59 6. Section 777.04, relating to attempts, solicitation, and
60 conspiracy to commit an offense listed in this paragraph.
- 61 7. Section 782.04, relating to murder.
- 62 8. Section 782.07, relating to manslaughter; aggravated
63 manslaughter of an elderly person or a disabled adult;
64 aggravated manslaughter of a child; or aggravated manslaughter
65 of an officer, a firefighter, an emergency medical technician,
66 or a paramedic.
- 67 9. Section 782.071, relating to vehicular homicide.
- 68 10. Section 782.09, relating to killing an unborn child by
69 injury to the mother.
- 70 11. Chapter 784, relating to assault, battery, and culpable
71 negligence, if the offense was a felony.
- 72 12. Section 787.01, relating to kidnapping.
- 73 13. Section 787.02, relating to false imprisonment.
- 74 14. Section 787.025, relating to luring or enticing a
75 child.
- 76 15. Section 787.04(2), relating to leading, taking,
77 enticing, or removing a minor beyond state limits, or concealing
78 the location of a minor, with criminal intent pending custody
79 proceedings.
- 80 16. Section 787.04(3), relating to leading, taking,
81 enticing, or removing a minor beyond state limits, or concealing
82 the location of a minor, with criminal intent pending dependency
83 proceedings or proceedings concerning alleged abuse or neglect
84 of a minor.
- 85 17. Section 790.115(1), relating to exhibiting firearms or
86 weapons within 1,000 feet of a school.
- 87 18. Section 790.115(2)(b), relating to possessing an

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88 electric weapon or device, a destructive device, or any other
89 weapon on school property.

90 19. Section 794.011, relating to sexual battery.

91 20. Former s. 794.041, relating to prohibited acts of
92 persons in familial or custodial authority.

93 21. Section 794.05, relating to unlawful sexual activity
94 with certain minors.

95 22. Section 794.08, relating to female genital mutilation.

96 23. Section 796.07, relating to procuring another to commit
97 prostitution, except for those offenses expunged pursuant to s.
98 943.0583.

99 24. Section 798.02, relating to lewd and lascivious
100 behavior.

101 25. Chapter 800, relating to lewdness and indecent
102 exposure.

103 26. Section 806.01, relating to arson.

104 27. Section 810.02, relating to burglary, if the offense
105 was a felony of the first degree.

106 28. Section 810.14, relating to voyeurism, if the offense
107 was a felony.

108 29. Section 810.145, relating to digital voyeurism, if the
109 offense was a felony.

110 30. Section 812.13, relating to robbery.

111 31. Section 812.131, relating to robbery by sudden
112 snatching.

113 32. Section 812.133, relating to carjacking.

114 33. Section 812.135, relating to home-invasion robbery.

115 34. Section 817.034, relating to communications fraud, if
116 the offense was a felony of the first degree.

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- 117 35. Section 817.234, relating to false and fraudulent
118 insurance claims, if the offense was a felony of the first or
119 second degree.
- 120 36. Section 817.50, relating to fraudulently obtaining
121 goods or services from a health care provider and false reports
122 of a communicable disease.
- 123 37. Section 817.505, relating to patient brokering.
- 124 38. Section 817.568, relating to fraudulent use of personal
125 identification, if the offense was a felony of the first or
126 second degree.
- 127 39. Section 825.102, relating to abuse, aggravated abuse,
128 or neglect of an elderly person or a disabled adult.
- 129 40. Section 825.1025, relating to lewd or lascivious
130 offenses committed upon or in the presence of an elderly person
131 or a disabled person.
- 132 41. Section 825.103, relating to exploitation of an elderly
133 person or a disabled adult, if the offense was a felony.
- 134 42. Section 826.04, relating to incest.
- 135 43. Section 827.03, relating to child abuse, aggravated
136 child abuse, or neglect of a child.
- 137 44. Section 827.04, relating to contributing to the
138 delinquency or dependency of a child.
- 139 45. Former s. 827.05, relating to negligent treatment of
140 children.
- 141 46. Section 827.071, relating to sexual performance by a
142 child.
- 143 47. Section 831.30, relating to fraud in obtaining
144 medicinal drugs.
- 145 48. Section 831.31, relating to the sale; manufacture;

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146 delivery; or possession with intent to sell, manufacture, or
147 deliver of any counterfeit controlled substance, if the offense
148 was a felony.

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150 violence.

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152 a law enforcement, correctional, or correctional probation
153 officer's ~~officer of the~~ means of protection or communication.

154 51. Section 843.12, relating to aiding in an escape.

155 52. Section 843.13, relating to aiding in the escape of
156 juvenile inmates of correctional institutions.

157 53. Chapter 847, relating to obscenity.

158 54. Section 874.05, relating to encouraging or recruiting
159 another to join a criminal gang.

160 55. Chapter 893, relating to drug abuse prevention and
161 control, if the offense was a felony of the second degree or
162 greater severity.

163 56. Section 895.03, relating to racketeering and collection
164 of unlawful debts.

165 57. Section 896.101, relating to the Florida Money
166 Laundering Act.

167 58. Section 916.1075, relating to sexual misconduct with
168 certain forensic clients and reporting of such sexual
169 misconduct.

170 59. Section 944.35(3), relating to inflicting cruel or
171 inhuman treatment on an inmate resulting in great bodily harm.

172 60. Section 944.40, relating to escape.

173 61. Section 944.46, relating to harboring, concealing, or
174 aiding an escaped prisoner.

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175 62. Section 944.47, relating to introduction of contraband
176 into a correctional institution.

177 63. Section 985.701, relating to sexual misconduct in
178 juvenile justice programs.

179 64. Section 985.711, relating to introduction of contraband
180 into a detention facility.

181 Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section
182 420.6241, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

183 420.6241 Persons with lived experience.—

184 (4) BACKGROUND SCREENING.—

185 (b) The background screening conducted under this
186 subsection must ensure that the qualified applicant has not been
187 arrested for and is not awaiting final disposition of, has not
188 been found guilty of, regardless of adjudication, or entered a
189 plea of nolo contendere or guilty to, or has not been
190 adjudicated delinquent and the record has been sealed or
191 expunged for, any offense prohibited under any of the following
192 state laws or similar laws of another jurisdiction:

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215 by injury to the mother.

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217 negligence, if the offense is a felony.

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224 concealing the location of a minor, with criminal intent pending
225 custody proceedings.

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229 dependency proceedings or proceedings concerning alleged abuse
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324 juvenile justice programs.

325 64. Section 985.711, relating to introduction of contraband
326 into a detention facility.

327 Section 4. Paragraph (xx) of subsection (2) of section
328 435.04, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

329 435.04 Level 2 screening standards.—

330 (2) The security background investigations under this
331 section must ensure that persons subject to this section have
332 not been arrested for and are awaiting final disposition of;
333 have not been found guilty of, regardless of adjudication, or
334 entered a plea of nolo contendere or guilty to; or have not been
335 adjudicated delinquent and the record has not been sealed or
336 expunged for, any offense prohibited under any of the following
337 provisions of state law or similar law of another jurisdiction:

338 (xx) Section 843.025, relating to interfering with
339 ~~depriving~~ a law enforcement, correctional, or correctional
340 probation officer's ~~officer~~ means of protection or
341 communication.

342 Section 5. Paragraph (d) of subsection (3) of section
343 921.0022, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

344 921.0022 Criminal Punishment Code; offense severity ranking
345 chart.—

346 (3) OFFENSE SEVERITY RANKING CHART

347 (d) LEVEL 4

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	Florida Statute	Felony Degree	Description
349	316.1935 (3) (a)	2nd	Driving at high speed or with wanton disregard for safety while fleeing or attempting to elude law enforcement officer who is in a patrol vehicle with siren and lights activated.
350	499.0051 (1)	3rd	Failure to maintain or deliver transaction history, transaction information, or transaction statements.
351	499.0051 (5)	2nd	Knowing sale or delivery, or possession with intent to sell, contraband prescription drugs.
352	517.07 (1)	3rd	Failure to register securities.
353	517.12 (1)	3rd	Failure of dealer or associated person of a

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dealer of securities to register.

354

784.031

3rd

Battery by strangulation.

355

784.07 (2) (b)

3rd

Battery of law enforcement officer, firefighter, etc.

356

784.074 (1) (c)

3rd

Battery of sexually violent predators facility staff.

357

784.075

3rd

Battery on detention or commitment facility staff.

358

784.078

3rd

Battery of facility employee by throwing, tossing, or expelling certain fluids or materials.

359

784.08 (2) (c)

3rd

Battery on a person 65 years of age or older.

360

784.081 (3)

3rd

Battery on specified official or employee.

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784.082 (3) 3rd Battery by detained person on visitor or other detainee.

362

784.083 (3) 3rd Battery on code inspector.

363

784.085 3rd Battery of child by throwing, tossing, projecting, or expelling certain fluids or materials.

364

787.03 (1) 3rd Interference with custody; wrongly takes minor from appointed guardian.

365

787.04 (2) 3rd Take, entice, or remove child beyond state limits with criminal intent pending custody proceedings.

366

787.04 (3) 3rd Carrying child beyond state lines with criminal intent to avoid producing child at

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custody hearing or
delivering to designated
person.

367

787.07

3rd

Human smuggling.

368

790.115 (1)

3rd

Exhibiting firearm or
weapon within 1,000 feet
of a school.

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790.115 (2) (b)

3rd

Possessing electric
weapon or device,
destructive device, or
other weapon on school
property.

370

790.115 (2) (c)

3rd

Possessing firearm on
school property.

371

794.051 (1)

3rd

Indecent, lewd, or
lascivious touching of
certain minors.

372

800.04 (7) (c)

3rd

Lewd or lascivious
exhibition; offender
less than 18 years.

373

806.135

2nd

Destroying or
demolishing a memorial

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or historic property.

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810.02 (4) (a)

3rd

Burglary, or attempted burglary, of an unoccupied structure; unarmed; no assault or battery.

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810.02 (4) (b)

3rd

Burglary, or attempted burglary, of an unoccupied conveyance; unarmed; no assault or battery.

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810.06

3rd

Burglary; possession of tools.

377

810.08 (2) (c)

3rd

Trespass on property, armed with firearm or dangerous weapon.

378

810.145 (3) (b)

3rd

Digital voyeurism dissemination.

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812.014 (2) (c) 3.

3rd

Grand theft, 3rd degree \$10,000 or more but less than \$20,000.

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812.014

3rd

Grand theft, 3rd degree;

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(2) (c) 4. & specified items.
6.-10.

381 812.014 (2) (d) 2. 3rd Grand theft, 3rd degree;
\$750 or more taken from
dwelling or its
unenclosed curtilage.

382 812.014 (2) (e) 3. 3rd Petit theft, 1st degree;
less than \$40 taken from
dwelling or its
unenclosed curtilage
with two or more prior
theft convictions.

383 812.0195 (2) 3rd Dealing in stolen
property by use of the
Internet; property
stolen \$300 or more.

384 817.505 (4) (a) 3rd Patient brokering.

385 817.563 (1) 3rd Sell or deliver
substance other than
controlled substance
agreed upon, excluding
s. 893.03(5) drugs.

386 817.568 (2) (a) 3rd Fraudulent use of

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personal identification
information.

387

817.5695 (3) (c)

3rd

Exploitation of person
65 years of age or
older, value less than
\$10,000.

388

817.625 (2) (a)

3rd

Fraudulent use of
scanning device,
skimming device, or
reencoder.

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817.625 (2) (c)

3rd

Possess, sell, or
deliver skimming device.

390

828.125 (1)

2nd

Kill, maim, or cause
great bodily harm or
permanent breeding
disability to any
registered horse or
cattle.

391

836.14 (2)

3rd

Person who commits theft
of a sexually explicit
image with intent to
promote it.

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836.14 (3)

3rd

Person who willfully

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possesses a sexually explicit image with certain knowledge, intent, and purpose.

393

837.02 (1)

3rd

Perjury in official proceedings.

394

837.021 (1)

3rd

Make contradictory statements in official proceedings.

395

838.022

3rd

Official misconduct.

396

839.13 (2) (a)

3rd

Falsifying records of an individual in the care and custody of a state agency.

397

839.13 (2) (c)

3rd

Falsifying records of the Department of Children and Families.

398

843.021

3rd

Possession of a concealed handcuff key by a person in custody.

399

843.025

3rd

Interfering with a
~~Deprive~~ law enforcement,

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correctional, or
 correctional probation
officer's ~~officer of~~
 means of protection or
 communication.

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843.15 (1) (a)

3rd

Failure to appear while
 on bail for felony (bond
 estreature or bond
 jumping).

401

843.19 (2)

2nd

Injure, disable, or kill
 police, fire, or SAR
 canine or police horse.

402

847.0135 (5) (c)

3rd

Lewd or lascivious
 exhibition using
 computer; offender less
 than 18 years.

403

870.01 (3)

2nd

Aggravated rioting.

404

870.01 (5)

2nd

Aggravated inciting a
 riot.

405

874.05 (1) (a)

3rd

Encouraging or
 recruiting another to
 join a criminal gang.

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	893.13 (2) (a) 1.	2nd	Purchase of cocaine (or other s. 893.03(1) (a), (b), or (d), (2) (a), (2) (b), or (2) (c) 5. drugs).
407	914.14 (2)	3rd	Witnesses accepting bribes.
408	914.22 (1)	3rd	Force, threaten, etc., witness, victim, or informant.
409	914.23 (2)	3rd	Retaliation against a witness, victim, or informant, no bodily injury.
410	916.1085 (2) (c) 1.	3rd	Introduction of specified contraband into certain DCF facilities.
411	918.12	3rd	Tampering with jurors.
412	934.215	3rd	Use of two-way communications device to facilitate commission of a crime.

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413

944.47 (1) (a) 6.

3rd

Introduction of
contraband (cellular
telephone or other
portable communication
device) into
correctional
institution.

414

951.22 (1) (h),
(j) & (k)

3rd

Intoxicating drug,
instrumentality or other
device to aid escape, or
cellular telephone or
other portable
communication device
introduced into county
detention facility.

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Section 6. This act shall take effect October 1, 2025.