LEGISLATIVE ACTION House Senate Comm: RCS 03/25/2025

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

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Subsections (1), (2), and (3) of section 827.071, Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsections (4),

(5), and (6) of that section are republished, to read:

827.071 Sexual performance by a child; child pornography; penalties.-

(1) As used in this section, the term following definitions

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- "Anus" means the end of the gastrointestinal tract and the opening of the rectum to the outside of the body.
- (b) "Child" or "minor" means any person, whose identity is known or unknown, younger than 18 years of age.
 - (c) (b) "Child pornography" means:
- 1. Any image depicting a minor engaged in sexual conduct;
- 2. Any image that has been created, altered, adapted, or modified by electronic, mechanical, or other means, to portray an identifiable minor engaged in sexual conduct.
- (d) (c) "Deviate sexual intercourse" means sexual conduct between persons not married to each other consisting of contact between the penis and the anus, the mouth and the penis, or the mouth and the vulva.
- (e) (d) "Female genitals" includes the labia minora, labia majora, clitoris, vulva, hymen, and vagina.
 - (f) (e) "Identifiable minor" means a person:
- 1. Who was a minor at the time the image was created, altered, adapted, or modified, or whose image as a minor was used in the creating, altering, adapting, or modifying of the image; and
- 2. Who is recognizable as an actual person by the person's face, likeness, or other distinguishing characteristic, such as a unique birthmark, or other recognizable feature.
- The term may not be construed to require proof of the actual identity of the identifiable minor.
 - (g) (f) "Intentionally view" means to deliberately,

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purposefully, and voluntarily view. Proof of intentional viewing requires establishing more than a single image, motion picture, exhibition, show, image, data, computer depiction, representation, or other presentation over any period of time.

- (h) "Male genitals" includes the penis and the scrotum.
- (i) (g) "Performance" means any play, motion picture, photograph, or dance or any other visual representation exhibited before an audience.
- (j) (h) "Promote" means to procure, manufacture, issue, sell, give, provide, lend, mail, deliver, transfer, transmit,

transmute, publish, distribute, circulate, disseminate, present, exhibit, send, post, share, or advertise or to offer or agree to do the same.

- (k) (i) "Sadomasochistic abuse" means flagellation or torture by or upon a person, or the condition of being fettered, bound, or otherwise physically restrained, for the purpose of deriving sexual satisfaction from inflicting harm on another or receiving such harm oneself.
- (1) (i) "Sexual battery" means oral, anal, or female genital penetration by, or union with, the sexual organ of another or the anal or female genital penetration of another by any other object. The term; however, "sexual battery" does not include an act done for a bona fide medical purpose.
- (m) (k) "Sexual bestiality" means any sexual act between a person and an animal involving the sex organ of the one and the mouth, anus, or female genitals of the other.
- (n)1.(1) "Sexual conduct" means actual or simulated sexual intercourse, deviate sexual intercourse, sexual bestiality, masturbation, or sadomasochistic abuse; actual or simulated lewd

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exhibition of the genitals or anus; actual physical contact with a person's clothed or unclothed genitals, pubic area, buttocks, or, if such person is a female, breast, with the intent to arouse or gratify the sexual desire of either party; or any act or conduct which constitutes sexual battery or simulates that sexual battery is being or will be committed. A mother's breastfeeding of her baby does not under any circumstance constitute "sexual conduct." The term includes masturbation by a person in the presence of a child or ejaculation on any part of a child's body or clothing.

- 2. As used in subparagraph 1., the term "actual or simulated lewd exhibition of the genitals or anus" may be evidenced by the overall content of an image, taking into account the age of the minor depicted and including, but not limited to, whether:
- a. The focal point of the image is on the minor's genitals or anus;
- b. The setting of the image is sexually suggestive or in a place or pose generally associated with sexual conduct;
- c. The minor is depicted in an unnatural pose, or in inappropriate attire, considering the age of the minor;
- d. The image suggests sexual coyness or a willingness to engage in sexual conduct; or
- e. The image is intended or designed to elicit a sexual response in the viewer.
- (o) (m) "Sexual performance" means any performance or part thereof which includes sexual conduct by a child.
- (p) (n) "Simulated" means the explicit depiction of conduct set forth in paragraph $\underline{\text{(n)}}$ $\underline{\text{(1)}}$ which creates the appearance of

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- (2) A person commits is quilty of the use of a child in a sexual performance if, knowing the character and content thereof, he or she employs, authorizes, or induces a child to engage in a sexual performance or, being a parent, legal quardian, or custodian of such child, consents to the participation by such child in a sexual performance. A person who violates this subsection commits a felony of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.
- (3) A person commits is quilty of promoting a sexual performance by a child if when, knowing the character and content thereof, he or she produces, directs, or promotes any performance which includes sexual conduct by a child. A person who violates this subsection commits a felony of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.
- (4) It is unlawful for any person to possess with the intent to promote any photograph, motion picture, exhibition, show, representation, or other presentation which, in whole or in part, includes child pornography. The possession of three or more copies of such photograph, motion picture, representation, or presentation is prima facie evidence of an intent to promote. A person who violates this subsection commits a felony of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.
- (5)(a) It is unlawful for any person to knowingly possess, control, or intentionally view a photograph, motion picture,

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exhibition, show, representation, image, data, computer depiction, or other presentation which, in whole or in part, he or she knows to include child pornography. The possession, control, or intentional viewing of each such photograph, motion picture, exhibition, show, image, data, computer depiction, representation, or presentation is a separate offense. If such photograph, motion picture, exhibition, show, representation, image, data, computer depiction, or other presentation includes child pornography depicting more than one child, then each such child in each such photograph, motion picture, exhibition, show, representation, image, data, computer depiction, or other presentation that is knowingly possessed, controlled, or intentionally viewed is a separate offense. A person who violates this paragraph commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

- (b) Paragraph (a) does not apply to any material possessed, controlled, or intentionally viewed as part of a law enforcement investigation.
- (6) Prosecution of a person for an offense under this section does not preclude prosecution of that person in this state for a violation of any other law of this state, including a law providing for greater penalties than prescribed in this section or any other crime punishing the sexual performance or the sexual exploitation of children.
- Section 2. Section 836.13, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 836.13 Promotion of an Altered sexual depictions depiction; prohibited acts; penalties; applicability.-
 - (1) As used in this section, the term:

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- (a) "Altered sexual depiction" means any visual depiction that, as a result of any type of digital, electronic, mechanical, or other modification, alteration, or adaptation, depicts a realistic version of an identifiable person:
- 1. With the nude body parts of another person as the nude body parts of the identifiable person;
- 2. With computer-generated nude body parts as the nude body parts of the identifiable person; or
- 3. Engaging in sexual conduct as defined in s. 847.001 in which the identifiable person did not engage.
- (b) "Generate" means to create, alter, adapt, or modify any image by electronic, mechanical, or other computer-generated means to portray an identifiable person or to offer or agree to do the same.
- (c) (b) "Identifiable person" means a person who is recognizable as an actual person by the person's face, likeness, or other distinguishing characteristic, such as a unique birthmark, or other recognizable feature.
- (d) (e) "Nude body parts" means the human male or female genitals, pubic area, or buttocks with less than fully opaque covering; or the female breast with less than a fully opaque covering of any portion thereof below the top of the nipple; or the depiction of covered male genitals in a discernibly turgid state. The term does not under any circumstances include a mother breastfeeding her baby.
- (e) "Possess" means to knowingly or intentionally keep, control, maintain, store, or own, physically or electronically, any altered sexual depiction of an identifiable person without the consent of the identifiable person.

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- (f) (d) "Promote" means to issue, sell, give, provide, lend, mail, deliver, transfer, transmit, transmute, publish, distribute, circulate, disseminate, present, exhibit, send, post, share, or advertise or to offer or agree to do the same.
- (g) (e) "Visual depiction" includes, but is not limited to, a photograph, picture, image, motion picture, film, video, or other visual representation.
- (2) A person who willfully and maliciously promotes any altered sexual depiction of an identifiable person, without the consent of the identifiable person, and who knows or reasonably should have known that such visual depiction was an altered sexual depiction, commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. An act done for a bona fide medical, literary, academic, or scientific purpose is not a violation of this subsection.
- (3) A person who willfully and maliciously generates any altered sexual depiction of an identifiable person, without the consent of the identifiable person, and who knows or reasonably should have known that such visual depiction was an altered sexual depiction, commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. An act done for a bona fide medical, literary, academic, or scientific purpose is not a violation of this subsection.
- (4) A person who willfully and maliciously possesses any altered sexual depiction of an identifiable person, without the consent of the identifiable person, and who knows or reasonably should have known that such visual depiction was an altered sexual depiction, commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

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An act done for a bona fide medical, literary, academic, or scientific purpose is not a violation of this subsection.

- (5) (3) Every act, thing, or transaction prohibited by this section constitutes a separate offense and is punishable as such.
- (6) (4) The presence of a disclaimer within an altered sexual depiction which notifies a viewer that the person or persons depicted did not consent to or participate in the generation, possession, creation or promotion of the material, or that the person or persons depicted did not actually perform the actions portrayed, is not a defense and does not relieve a person of criminal liability under this section.
- (7) An aggrieved person may initiate a civil action against a person who violates subsection (2) or subsection (3) to obtain appropriate relief in order to prevent or remedy a violation of subsection (2) or subsection (3), including all of the following:
 - (a) Injunctive relief.
- (b) Monetary damages to include \$10,000 or actual damages incurred as a result of a violation of subsection (2) or subsection (3), whichever is greater.
 - (c) Reasonable attorney fees and costs.
- (8) (8) (6) The criminal and civil penalties of this section do not apply to:
- (a) A provider of an interactive computer service as defined in 47 U.S.C. s. 230(f), of an information service as defined in 47 U.S.C. s. 153, or of a communications service as defined in s. 202.11 which provides the transmission, storage, or caching of electronic communications or messages of others;



another related telecommunications or commercial mobile radio service; or content provided by another person;

- (b) A law enforcement officer, as defined in s. 943.10, or any local, state, federal, or military law enforcement agency engaged in that promotes an altered sexual depiction in connection with the performance of his or her duties as a law enforcement officer or the duties of the law enforcement agency;
 - (c) A person reporting unlawful activity; or
- (d) A person participating in a hearing, trial, or other legal proceeding.
- $(9) \xrightarrow{(7)}$ A violation of this section is committed within this state if any conduct that is an element of the offense, or any harm to the depicted person resulting from the offense, occurs within this state.
- (10) Prosecution of a person for an offense under this section does not preclude prosecution of that person in this state for a violation of any other law of this state, including a law providing for greater penalties than prescribed in this section or any other crime related to child pornography or the sexual performance or the sexual exploitation of children.

Section 3. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section 921.0022, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

921.0022 Criminal Punishment Code; offense severity ranking chart.-

- (3) OFFENSE SEVERITY RANKING CHART
- (c) LEVEL 3

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Florida Felony Statute Degree

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270	119.10(2)(b)	3rd	Unlawful use of confidential information from police reports.
271272	316.066 (3)(b)-(d)	3rd	Unlawfully obtaining or using confidential crash reports.
272	316.193(2)(b)	3rd	Felony DUI, 3rd conviction.
274	316.1935(2)	3rd	Fleeing or attempting to elude law enforcement officer in patrol vehicle with siren and lights activated.
275	319.30(4)	3rd	Possession by junkyard of motor vehicle with identification number plate removed.
276	319.33(1)(a)	3rd	Alter or forge any certificate of title to a motor vehicle or mobile home.
	319.33(1)(c)	3rd	Procure or pass title on



			stolen vehicle.
277278	319.33(4)	3rd	With intent to defraud, possess, sell, etc., a blank, forged, or unlawfully obtained title or registration.
270	327.35(2)(b)	3rd	Felony BUI.
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	328.05(2)	3rd	Possess, sell, or counterfeit fictitious, stolen, or fraudulent titles or bills of sale of vessels.
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	328.07(4)	3rd	Manufacture, exchange, or possess vessel with counterfeit or wrong ID number.
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	376.302(5)	3rd	Fraud related to reimbursement for cleanup expenses under the Inland Protection Trust Fund.
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	379.2431 (1)(e)5.	3rd	Taking, disturbing, mutilating, destroying,
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283			transferring, selling, offering to sell, molesting, or harassing marine turtles, marine turtle eggs, or marine turtle nests in violation of the Marine Turtle Protection Act.
284	379.2431 (1) (e) 6.	3rd	Possessing any marine turtle species or hatchling, or parts thereof, or the nest of any marine turtle species described in the Marine Turtle Protection Act.
285	379.2431 (1)(e)7.	3rd	Soliciting to commit or conspiring to commit a violation of the Marine Turtle Protection Act.
286	400.9935(4)(a) or (b)	3rd	Operating a clinic, or offering services requiring licensure, without a license.
-	400.9935(4)(e)	3rd	Filing a false license application or other



287			required information or failing to report information.
288	440.1051(3)	3rd	False report of workers' compensation fraud or retaliation for making such a report.
289	501.001(2)(b)	2nd	Tampers with a consumer product or the container using materially false/misleading information.
299	624.401(4)(a)	3rd	Transacting insurance without a certificate of authority.
	624.401(4)(b)1.	3rd	Transacting insurance without a certificate of authority; premium collected less than \$20,000.
291292	626.902(1)(a) & (b)	3rd	Representing an unauthorized insurer.
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	790.15(3)	3rd	Person directs another to discharge firearm from a vehicle.
294	794.053	3rd	Lewd or lascivious written solicitation of a person 16 or 17 years of age by a person 24 years of age or older.
295	806.10(1)	3rd	Maliciously injure, destroy, or interfere with vehicles or equipment used in firefighting.
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297	806.10(2)	3rd	Interferes with or assaults firefighter in performance of duty.
	810.09(2)(b)	3rd	Trespass on property other than structure or conveyance armed with firearm or dangerous weapon.
298	810.145(2)(c)	3rd	Digital voyeurism; 19
299			years of age or older.



300	812.014(2)(c)2.	3rd	Grand theft; \$5,000 or more but less than \$10,000.
301	812.0145(2)(c)	3rd	Theft from person 65 years of age or older; \$300 or more but less than \$10,000.
	812.015(8)(b)	3rd	Retail theft with intent to sell; conspires with others.
302	812.081(2)	3rd	Theft of a trade secret.
304	815.04(4)(b)	2nd	Computer offense devised to defraud or obtain property.
001	817.034(4)(a)3.	3rd	Engages in scheme to defraud (Florida Communications Fraud Act), property valued at less than \$20,000.
305	817.233	3rd	Burning to defraud insurer.
306	817.234	3rd	Unlawful solicitation of



	(8)(b) & (c)		persons involved in motor vehicle accidents.
307	817.234(11)(a)	3rd	Insurance fraud; property value less than \$20,000.
	817.236	3rd	Filing a false motor vehicle insurance application.
309	817.2361	3rd	Creating, marketing, or presenting a false or fraudulent motor vehicle insurance card.
310	817.413(2)	3rd	Sale of used goods of \$1,000 or more as new.
J11	817.49(2)(b)1.	3rd	Willful making of a false report of a crime causing great bodily harm, permanent disfigurement, or permanent disability.
312	831.28(2)(a)	3rd	Counterfeiting a payment instrument with intent to defraud or possessing a counterfeit payment instrument with intent to



313			defraud.
314	831.29	2nd	Possession of instruments for counterfeiting driver licenses or identification cards.
214	836.13(2)	3rd	Promoting Person who promotes an altered sexual depiction of an identifiable person without consent.
315	836.13(3)	<u>3rd</u>	Generating an altered sexual depiction of an identifiable person without consent.
316	836.13(4)	<u>3rd</u>	Possessing an altered sexual depiction of an identifiable person without consent.
01,	838.021(3)(b)	3rd	Threatens unlawful harm to public servant.
318	847.01385	3rd	Harmful communication to a minor.
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	860.15(3)	3rd	Overcharging for repairs and parts.
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	870.01(2)	3rd	Riot.
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	893.13(1)(a)2.	3rd	Sell, manufacture, or deliver cannabis (or other
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	893.13(1)(d)2.	2nd	Sell, manufacture, or
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			or (4) drugs within 1,000
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324	893.13(1)(f)2.	2nd	Sell, manufacture, or
	093.13(1)(1)2.	2110	deliver s. 893.03(1)(c),
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325			(2)(c)7., (2)(c)8., (2)(c)9., (2)(c)10., (3), or (4) drugs within 1,000 feet of public housing facility.
326	893.13(4)(c)	3rd	Use or hire of minor; deliver to minor other controlled substances.
327	893.13(6)(a)	3rd	Possession of any controlled substance other than felony possession of cannabis.
328	893.13(7)(a)8.	3rd	Withhold information from practitioner regarding previous receipt of or prescription for a controlled substance.
328	893.13(7)(a)9.	3rd	Obtain or attempt to obtain controlled substance by fraud, forgery, misrepresentation, etc.
329	893.13(7)(a)10.	3rd	Affix false or forged label to package of



			controlled substance.
330	893.13(7)(a)11.	3rd	Furnish false or fraudulent material
331			information on any document or record required by chapter 893.
331	893.13(8)(a)1.	3rd	Knowingly assist a patient, other person, or owner of an animal in obtaining a controlled substance through deceptive, untrue, or fraudulent representations
332	893.13(8)(a)2.	3rd	in or related to the practitioner's practice. Employ a trick or scheme in the practitioner's practice to assist a patient, other person, or
333	893.13(8)(a)3.	3rd	owner of an animal in obtaining a controlled substance. Knowingly write a prescription for a controlled substance for a



224				fictitious person.
334	893.13(8)(a)4.		3rd	Write a prescription for a controlled substance for a patient, other person, or an animal if the sole purpose of writing the prescription is a monetary benefit for the practitioner.
335	918.13(1)		3rd	Tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.
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337	944.47 (1)(a)1. & 2.		3rd	Introduce contraband to correctional facility.
338	944.47(1)(c)		2nd	Possess contraband while upon the grounds of a correctional institution.
330	985.721		3rd	Escapes from a juvenile facility (secure detention or residential commitment facility).
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A bill to be entitled An act relating to sexual images; amending s. 827.071, F.S.; defining terms and revising definitions; making

Delete everything before the enacting clause

And the title is amended as follows:

technical changes; amending s. 836.13, F.S.; defining terms; providing criminal penalties for persons who willfully and maliciously generate or possess an altered sexual depiction of an identifiable person without the consent of the identifiable person; providing exceptions; specifying what is not considered a defense to the offenses; authorizing an aggrieved person to initiate a civil action against persons who violate specified provisions; revising applicability; amending s. 921.0022, F.S.; ranking offenses created by the act on the offense severity

ranking chart of the Criminal Punishment Code;

providing an effective date.

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