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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
Comm: RCS	.	
03/25/2025	.	
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The Committee on Criminal Justice (Leek) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. This act may be cited as "Dexter's Law."

Section 2. Subsection (7) is added to section 828.12,  
Florida Statutes, to read:

828.12 Cruelty to animals.—

(7) Beginning January 1, 2026, the Department of Law  
Enforcement shall post on its website, in a searchable format



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11 prescribed by the department, the names of those individuals who  
12 have been convicted of, or who have entered a plea of guilty or  
13 nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a violation of  
14 this section.

15 Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 921.0024, Florida  
16 Statutes, is amended to read:

17 921.0024 Criminal Punishment Code; worksheet computations;  
18 scoresheets.-

19 (1)(a) The Criminal Punishment Code worksheet is used to  
20 compute the subtotal and total sentence points as follows:

21  
22 FLORIDA CRIMINAL PUNISHMENT CODE  
23 WORKSHEET

24  
25 OFFENSE SCORE

26  
27 Primary Offense

Level	Sentence Points		Total
10	116	=	.....
9	92	=	.....
8	74	=	.....
7	56	=	.....
6	36	=	.....



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33	5	28	=	.....
34	4	22	=	.....
35	3	16	=	.....
36	2	10	=	.....
37	1	4	=	.....

Total

Additional Offenses

Level	Sentence Points		Counts		Total
10	58	x	....	=	....
9	46	x	....	=	....
8	37	x	....	=	....
7	28	x	....	=	....



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49	6	18	x	....	=	....	
50	5	5.4	x	....	=	....	
51	4	3.6	x	....	=	....	
52	3	2.4	x	....	=	....	
53	2	1.2	x	....	=	....	
54	1	0.7	x	....	=	....	
55	M	0.2	x	....	=	....	
56						Total	
57							
58							
59							
60		Victim Injury					
61	Level	Sentence Points		Number		Total	
62	2nd degree murder- death	240	x	....	=	....	



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63	Death	120	x	....	=	....
64	Severe	40	x	....	=	....
65	Moderate	18	x	....	=	....
66	Slight	4	x	....	=	....
67	Sexual penetration	80	x	....	=	....
68	Sexual contact	40	x	....	=	....
69						Total
70						
71						
72	Primary Offense + Additional Offenses + Victim Injury =					
73	TOTAL OFFENSE SCORE					
74	PRIOR RECORD SCORE					
75	Prior Record					
76						
77						
78	Level	Sentence Points		Number		Total
	10	29	x	....	=	....



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80	9	23	x	....	=	....
81	8	19	x	....	=	....
82	7	14	x	....	=	....
83	6	9	x	....	=	....
84	5	3.6	x	....	=	....
85	4	2.4	x	....	=	....
86	3	1.6	x	....	=	....
87	2	0.8	x	....	=	....
88	1	0.5	x	....	=	....
89	M	0.2	x	....	=	....
90						Total
91						
92						
93		TOTAL OFFENSE SCORE .....				
94		TOTAL PRIOR RECORD SCORE .....				
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96 LEGAL STATUS .....

97 COMMUNITY SANCTION VIOLATION .....

98 PRIOR SERIOUS FELONY .....

99 PRIOR CAPITAL FELONY .....

100 FIREARM OR SEMIAUTOMATIC WEAPON .....

101 SUBTOTAL.....

102

103 PRISON RELEASEE REOFFENDER (no) (yes) .....

104 VIOLENT CAREER CRIMINAL (no) (yes) .....

105 HABITUAL VIOLENT OFFENDER (no) (yes) .....

106 HABITUAL OFFENDER (no) (yes) .....

107 AGGRAVATED ANIMAL CRUELTY (no) (yes) (x multiplier) .....

108 DRUG TRAFFICKER (no) (yes) (x multiplier) .....

109 LAW ENF. PROTECT. (no) (yes) (x multiplier) .....

110 MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT (no) (yes) (x multiplier) .....

111 CRIMINAL GANG OFFENSE (no) (yes) (x multiplier) .....

112 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE PRESENCE OF RELATED CHILD (no) (yes)

113 (x multiplier).....

114 ADULT-ON-MINOR SEX OFFENSE (no) (yes) (x multiplier) .....

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116 TOTAL SENTENCE POINTS.....

(b) WORKSHEET KEY:

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120 Legal status points are assessed when any form of legal status

121 existed at the time the offender committed an offense before the

122 court for sentencing. Four (4) sentence points are assessed for

123 an offender's legal status.



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125 Community sanction violation points are assessed when a  
126 community sanction violation is before the court for sentencing.  
127 Six (6) sentence points are assessed for each community sanction  
128 violation and each successive community sanction violation,  
129 unless any of the following apply:

130       1. If the community sanction violation includes a new  
131 felony conviction before the sentencing court, twelve (12)  
132 community sanction violation points are assessed for the  
133 violation, and for each successive community sanction violation  
134 involving a new felony conviction.

135       2. If the community sanction violation is committed by a  
136 violent felony offender of special concern as defined in s.  
137 948.06:

138       a. Twelve (12) community sanction violation points are  
139 assessed for the violation and for each successive violation of  
140 felony probation or community control where:

141       I. The violation does not include a new felony conviction;  
142 and

143       II. The community sanction violation is not based solely on  
144 the probationer or offender's failure to pay costs or fines or  
145 make restitution payments.

146       b. Twenty-four (24) community sanction violation points are  
147 assessed for the violation and for each successive violation of  
148 felony probation or community control where the violation  
149 includes a new felony conviction.

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151 Multiple counts of community sanction violations before the  
152 sentencing court shall not be a basis for multiplying the  
153 assessment of community sanction violation points.





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155 Prior serious felony points: If the offender has a primary  
156 offense or any additional offense ranked in level 8, level 9, or  
157 level 10, and one or more prior serious felonies, a single  
158 assessment of thirty (30) points shall be added. For purposes of  
159 this section, a prior serious felony is an offense in the  
160 offender's prior record that is ranked in level 8, level 9, or  
161 level 10 under s. 921.0022 or s. 921.0023 and for which the  
162 offender is serving a sentence of confinement, supervision, or  
163 other sanction or for which the offender's date of release from  
164 confinement, supervision, or other sanction, whichever is later,  
165 is within 3 years before the date the primary offense or any  
166 additional offense was committed.

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168 Prior capital felony points: If the offender has one or more  
169 prior capital felonies in the offender's criminal record, points  
170 shall be added to the subtotal sentence points of the offender  
171 equal to twice the number of points the offender receives for  
172 the primary offense and any additional offense. A prior capital  
173 felony in the offender's criminal record is a previous capital  
174 felony offense for which the offender has entered a plea of nolo  
175 contendere or guilty or has been found guilty; or a felony in  
176 another jurisdiction which is a capital felony in that  
177 jurisdiction, or would be a capital felony if the offense were  
178 committed in this state.

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180 Possession of a firearm, semiautomatic firearm, or machine gun:  
181 If the offender is convicted of committing or attempting to  
182 commit any felony other than those enumerated in s. 775.087(2)



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183 while having in his or her possession: a firearm as defined in  
184 s. 790.001, an additional eighteen (18) sentence points are  
185 assessed; or if the offender is convicted of committing or  
186 attempting to commit any felony other than those enumerated in  
187 s. 775.087(3) while having in his or her possession a  
188 semiautomatic firearm as defined in s. 775.087(3) or a machine  
189 gun as defined in s. 790.001, an additional twenty-five (25)  
190 sentence points are assessed.

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192 Sentencing multipliers:

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194 Aggravated Animal Cruelty: If the primary offense is aggravated  
195 animal cruelty under s. 828.12(2), which included the knowing  
196 and intentional torture or torment of an animal that injured,  
197 mutilated, or killed the animal, the subtotal sentence points  
198 are multiplied by 1.25. As used in this paragraph, the term  
199 "animal" does not include an animal used for agricultural  
200 purposes or permitted as captive wildlife as authorized under s.  
201 379.303.

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203 Drug trafficking: If the primary offense is drug trafficking  
204 under s. 893.135, the subtotal sentence points are multiplied,  
205 at the discretion of the court, for a level 7 or level 8  
206 offense, by 1.5. The state attorney may move the sentencing  
207 court to reduce or suspend the sentence of a person convicted of  
208 a level 7 or level 8 offense, if the offender provides  
209 substantial assistance as described in s. 893.135(4).

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211 Violent offenses committed against specified justice system



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212 personnel: If the primary offense is a violation of s.  
213 775.0823(2), (3), or (4), the subtotal sentence points are  
214 multiplied by 2.5. If the primary offense is a violation of s.  
215 775.0823(5), (6), (7), (8), or (9), the subtotal sentence points  
216 are multiplied by 2.0. If the primary offense is a violation of  
217 s. 784.07(3) or s. 775.0875(1), or s. 775.0823(10) or (11), the  
218 subtotal sentence points are multiplied by 1.5.

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220 Grand theft of a motor vehicle: If the primary offense is grand  
221 theft of the third degree involving a motor vehicle and in the  
222 offender's prior record, there are three or more grand thefts of  
223 the third degree involving a motor vehicle, the subtotal  
224 sentence points are multiplied by 1.5.

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226 Offense related to a criminal gang: If the offender is convicted  
227 of the primary offense and committed that offense for the  
228 purpose of benefiting, promoting, or furthering the interests of  
229 a criminal gang as defined in s. 874.03, the subtotal sentence  
230 points are multiplied by 1.5. If applying the multiplier results  
231 in the lowest permissible sentence exceeding the statutory  
232 maximum sentence for the primary offense under chapter 775, the  
233 court may not apply the multiplier and must sentence the  
234 defendant to the statutory maximum sentence.

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236 Domestic violence in the presence of a child: If the offender is  
237 convicted of the primary offense and the primary offense is a  
238 crime of domestic violence, as defined in s. 741.28, which was  
239 committed in the presence of a child under 16 years of age who  
240 is a family or household member as defined in s. 741.28(3) with



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241 the victim or perpetrator, the subtotal sentence points are  
242 multiplied by 1.5.

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244 Adult-on-minor sex offense: If the offender was 18 years of age  
245 or older and the victim was younger than 18 years of age at the  
246 time the offender committed the primary offense, and if the  
247 primary offense was an offense committed on or after October 1,  
248 2014, and is a violation of s. 787.01(2) or s. 787.02(2), if the  
249 violation involved a victim who was a minor and, in the course  
250 of committing that violation, the defendant committed a sexual  
251 battery under chapter 794 or a lewd act under s. 800.04 or s.  
252 847.0135(5) against the minor; s. 787.01(3)(a)2. or 3.; s.  
253 787.02(3)(a)2. or 3.; s. 794.011, excluding s. 794.011(10); s.  
254 800.04; or s. 847.0135(5), the subtotal sentence points are  
255 multiplied by 2.0. If applying the multiplier results in the  
256 lowest permissible sentence exceeding the statutory maximum  
257 sentence for the primary offense under chapter 775, the court  
258 may not apply the multiplier and must sentence the defendant to  
259 the statutory maximum sentence.

260 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

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

263 And the title is amended as follows:

264 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
265 and insert:

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A bill to be entitled

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An act relating to aggravated animal cruelty;

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providing a short title; amending s. 828.12, F.S.;

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requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to post on



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270 its website the names of certain individuals who have  
271 violated specified animal cruelty provisions; amending  
272 s. 921.0024, F.S.; providing a sentencing multiplier  
273 for specified offenses of aggravated animal cruelty;  
274 providing applicability; providing an effective date.