

CS/CS/HB 929 – Correctional Facilities (Similar CS/SB 7016)

This bill amends s. 944.35, F.S., stating that “private correctional facility” has the same meaning as in s. 944.710, F.S. and defining “volunteer” as “a person registered with the department or a private correctional facility who is engaged in specific voluntary service activities on an ongoing or continual basis.” Additionally it adds the following language for the current Level 1, 3rd degree felony (new language in bold): “Any employee of the department or a private correctional facility **or any volunteer in, or any employee of a contractor or subcontractor of, the department or a private correctional facility** who engages in sexual misconduct with an inmate or an offender supervised by the department in the community, without committing the crime of sexual battery.”

Per DOC, there has been one new commitment to prison for sexual misconduct with an inmate in the last four fiscal years.

CONFERENCE ADOPTED ESTIMATE: Positive Insignificant

Requested by: House