

CS/HB 135 – Mandatory Minimum Sentences

This bill amends s. 775.087, F.S., removing the 10-20-Life mandatory minimum sentence for aggravated assault. Defendants convicted of aggravated assault will no longer qualify for penalties associated with 10-20-Life.

Per DOC, 27 inmates were admitted to prison in FY 14-15 under the 10-20-Life mandatory minimum sentence for aggravated assault. Of those inmates, 13 were admitted with sentences of five years or less if 10-20-Life was removed from their total sentence. Given the variation in sentence lengths among the thirteen inmates, a significant effect on prison beds would not be expected through FY 20-21, though it should start rising beyond that point. However, judges might also adjust the sentence lengths of these offenses once mandatory minimums have been removed.

CONFERENCE ADOPTED ESTIMATE: Negative Indeterminate

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