

SB 1476 – Firearm Violence (Identical HB 1167)

This bill amends s. 790.233, F.S., increasing the current 1st degree misdemeanor to an **unranked, 1st degree felony** for a person who “has been issued a final injunction that is currently in force and effect, restraining that person from committing acts of domestic violence” having “in his or her care, custody, possession, or control any firearm or ammunition.”

Per FDLE, in FY 14-15, 50 people were arrested for violating s. 790.233, F.S. Also, 16 people received guilty sentences and 6 people had adjudication withheld for this violation. In FY 14-15, the incarceration rate for an unranked, 1st degree felony was 73.5%. If 73.5% of the guilty/adjudication withheld (22 total) were sentenced to prison, this would have added 16 beds in FY 14-15. If 73.5% of the guilty (16 total) were sentenced to prison, this would have added about 12 beds.

CONFERENCE ADOPTED ESTIMATE: Positive Moderate

Requested by: House