

CS/HB 157—Fraud (Identical CS/SB 390)

Amends many of the statutes within s. 817, F.S. This bill adds “business entities” to potential victims and offenders of fraudulent practices, adds “providing false information that becomes part of a public record” to s. 817.569 and “fraudulent use of an indicia of a membership interest in a limited liability company” to 817.19, and increases fraudulently obtaining goods, services, etc. from a health care provider from a second degree misdemeanor to an **unranked, third degree felony**.

Per FDLE, in FY 13-14 there were 6 misdemeanor convictions for fraudulently obtaining goods, services, etc., from a health care provider.

Per DOC, in FY 13-14, 307 (adj.) offenders were sentenced to prison for fraudulently using personal identification information (s. 817.568) and 3 (adj.) offenders were sentenced to prison for fraudulent usage of a certificate or stock (817.19). There were no prison sentences for criminal use of public record/public records information (817.569) or making a false entry into a corporation’s books with the intent to defraud (817.15). Without data on the victims and offenders that this bill expands upon, both in business entities and individuals, it is unknown how many more offenders would be sentenced to prison if the new bill would take effect.

CONFERENCE ADOPTED ESTIMATE: Positive Indeterminate

Requested by: House & Senate