

## **HB 195 – Prosecution of Juveniles (Identical SB 444)**

Amends s. 985.557 relating to direct filing of juveniles. The bill removes grand theft in violation of s. 812.014(2)(a) from the list of offenses which can be direct filed. The bill also specifies that the state may not file an information if it is the child's first offense unless there are compelling reasons. A new section is added to the statute that details direct-file criteria.

Per DOC, there were approximately 1,160 inmates admitted to the prison system in FY13-14 who committed their crimes when they were 14-17 years of age .

**CONFERENCE ADOPTED ESTIMATE: Negative Indeterminate**

**Requested by: House & Senate**