

CS/HB 21 – Controlled Substances

This bill amends several sections of s. 893.03, F.S., s. 893.13, F.S., and s 893.135, F.S. in order to align the state's Controlled Substance Act with current federal schedules of controlled substances, adding multiple substances across schedules II through V, making the unauthorized sale, manufacture, possession, delivery, or purchase of these substances, as well trafficking in some instances, now subject to criminal penalties.

Sentencing patterns generally vary across and within schedules, and demand for each drug type added to the schedules likely varies too, so it is not known how these additions to the schedules would impact prison beds.

This bill also amends s. 893.0551, F.S., expanding the list of persons and entities that confidential and exempt information can be disclosed. Currently, an unranked, 3rd degree felony exists for a willful and knowing violation of this section. Per DOC, in FY 16-17, nobody was sentenced for this offense.

CONFERENCE ADOPTED ESTIMATE: Positive Indeterminate

Requested by: House