

## **CS/SB 96 – Police, Fire, and Search and Rescue Dogs and Police Horses**

This bill amends s. 843.19, F.S., inserting “canine” wherever the word dog was used and increasing the existing Level 3, 3<sup>rd</sup> degree felony so that “any person who intentionally and knowingly, without lawful cause or justification, causes great bodily harm, permanent disability, or death to, or uses a deadly weapon upon, a police canine, fire canine, SAR canine, or police horse” now commits a **Level 3, 2<sup>nd</sup> degree felony** (s. 843.19(2)(a), F.S.).

Per DOC, in FY 17-18, 1 (adj.) offender was sentenced for the Level 3, 3<sup>rd</sup> degree felony under s. 843.19, F.S., with no offenders sentenced to prison.

In FY 17-18, the incarceration rate for a Level 3, 2<sup>nd</sup> degree felony was 14.3%.

**CONFERENCE ADOPTED ESTIMATE: Positive Insignificant**

**Requested by: Senate**