

## **SB 1416 – Assaults on Specified Persons (Identical HB 951)**

This bill creates s. 341.0611, F.S., requiring that a transit provider include a sign noting that the assault of a transit worker is a felony punishable by up to five years in prison, as well creating assault mitigating infrastructure and conflict de-escalation training for transit operators. It also amends s. 784.07, F.S., changing the current reclassification of a 2<sup>nd</sup> degree assault to a 1<sup>st</sup> degree misdemeanor, where a 2<sup>nd</sup> degree misdemeanor assault would now be a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree felony.

Per DOC, in FY 18-19, there were 400 new commitments to prison for assault or battery offenses against law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical care providers, public transit employees, etc. (s. 784.07, F.S.). In FY 17-18, simple battery had an incarceration rate of 16.3% (adj.). Per FDLE, in FY 18-19, there were 259 guilty/convicted and 77 adjudication withheld where a 2<sup>nd</sup> degree misdemeanor was increased to a 1<sup>st</sup> degree misdemeanor under s. 784.07, F.S. While it is expected that 2<sup>nd</sup> degree assault would have a lower incarceration rate as a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree felony, the large number of those impacted would be expected to be enough to reach significance.

**CONFERENCE ADOPTED ESTIMATE: Positive Significant**

**Requested by: Senate**