CHAPTER 2022-164

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 444

An act relating to indecent, lewd, or lascivious touching; creating s. 794.051, F.S.; defining conduct prohibited as indecent, lewd, or lascivious touching of certain minors; providing a penalty; providing applicability; amending s. 921.0022, F.S.; ranking the offense on the offense severity ranking chart of the Criminal Punishment Code; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 794.051, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

794.051 Indecent, lewd, or lascivious touching of certain minors.—

- (1) A person 24 years of age or older who intentionally touches in a lewd or lascivious manner the breasts, genitals, genital area, or buttocks, or the clothing covering them, of a person 16 or 17 years of age, or forces or entices a person 16 or 17 years of age to so touch the perpetrator, commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.
- (2) This section does not apply to a person 16 or 17 years of age who has had the disability of nonage removed under chapter 743.

Section 2. Paragraph (d) of subsection (3) of section 921.0022, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

921.0022 Criminal Punishment Code; offense severity ranking chart.—

(3) OFFENSE SEVERITY RANKING CHART

(d) LEVEL 4

Florida Statute	Felony Degree	Description
316.1935(3)(a)	2nd	Driving at high speed or with wanton dis- regard for safety while fleeing or attempting to elude law enforcement officer who is in a patrol vehicle with siren and lights activated.
499.0051(1)	3rd	Failure to maintain or deliver transaction history, transaction information, or transaction statements.
499.0051(5)	2nd	Knowing sale or delivery, or possession with intent to sell, contraband prescription drugs.
517.07(1)	3rd	Failure to register securities.

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517.12(1)	3rd	Failure of dealer, associated person, or issuer of securities to register.
784.07(2)(b)	3rd	Battery of law enforcement officer, firefighter, etc.
784.074(1)(c)	3rd	Battery of sexually violent predators facility staff.
784.075	3rd	Battery on detention or commitment facility staff.
784.078	3rd	Battery of facility employee by throwing, tossing, or expelling certain fluids or materials.
784.08(2)(c)	3rd	Battery on a person 65 years of age or older.
784.081(3)	3rd	Battery on specified official or employee.
784.082(3)	3rd	Battery by detained person on visitor or other detainee.
784.083(3)	3rd	Battery on code inspector.
784.085	3rd	Battery of child by throwing, tossing, projecting, or expelling certain fluids or materials.
787.03(1)	3rd	Interference with custody; wrongly takes minor from appointed guardian.
787.04(2)	3rd	Take, entice, or remove child beyond state limits with criminal intent pending custody proceedings.
787.04(3)	3rd	Carrying child beyond state lines with criminal intent to avoid producing child at custody hearing or delivering to designated person.
787.07	3rd	Human smuggling.
790.115(1)	3rd	Exhibiting firearm or weapon within 1,000 feet of a school.
790.115(2)(b)	3rd	Possessing electric weapon or device, destructive device, or other weapon on school property.
790.115(2)(c)	3rd	Possessing firearm on school property.

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794.051(1)	<u>3rd</u>	Indecent, lewd, or lascivious touching of certain minors.
800.04(7)(c)	3rd	Lewd or lascivious exhibition; offender less than 18 years.
806.135	2nd	Destroying or demolishing a memorial or historic property.
810.02(4)(a)	3rd	Burglary, or attempted burglary, of an unoccupied structure; unarmed; no assault or battery.
810.02(4)(b)	3rd	Burglary, or attempted burglary, of an unoccupied conveyance; unarmed; no assault or battery.
810.06	3rd	Burglary; possession of tools.
810.08(2)(c)	3rd	Trespass on property, armed with firearm or dangerous weapon.
812.014(2)(c)3.	3rd	Grand theft, 3rd degree \$10,000 or more but less than \$20,000.
812.014 (2)(c)410.	3rd	Grand theft, 3rd degree; specified items.
812.0195(2)	3rd	Dealing in stolen property by use of the Internet; property stolen \$300 or more.
817.505(4)(a)	3rd	Patient brokering.
817.563(1)	3rd	Sell or deliver substance other than controlled substance agreed upon, excluding s. 893.03(5) drugs.
817.568(2)(a)	3rd	Fraudulent use of personal identification information.
817.625(2)(a)	3rd	Fraudulent use of scanning device, skimming device, or reencoder.
817.625(2)(c)	3rd	Possess, sell, or deliver skimming device.
828.125(1)	2nd	Kill, maim, or cause great bodily harm or permanent breeding disability to any regis- tered horse or cattle.
837.02(1)	3rd	Perjury in official proceedings.

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837.021(1)	3rd	Make contradictory statements in official proceedings.
838.022	3rd	Official misconduct.
839.13(2)(a)	3rd	Falsifying records of an individual in the care and custody of a state agency.
839.13(2)(c)	3rd	Falsifying records of the Department of Children and Families.
843.021	3rd	Possession of a concealed handcuff key by a person in custody.
843.025	3rd	Deprive law enforcement, correctional, or correctional probation officer of means of protection or communication.
843.15(1)(a)	3rd	Failure to appear while on bail for felony (bond estreature or bond jumping).
847.0135(5)(c)	3rd	Lewd or lascivious exhibition using computer; offender less than 18 years.
870.01(3)	2nd	Aggravated rioting.
870.01(5)	2nd	Aggravated inciting a riot.
874.05(1)(a)	3rd	Encouraging or recruiting another to join a criminal gang.
893.13(2)(a)1.	2nd	Purchase of cocaine (or other s. 893.03(1)(a), (b), or (d), (2)(a), (2)(b), or (2)(c)5. drugs).
914.14(2)	3rd	Witnesses accepting bribes.
914.22(1)	3rd	Force, threaten, etc., witness, victim, or informant.
914.23(2)	3rd	Retaliation against a witness, victim, or informant, no bodily injury.
916.1085 (2)(c)1.	3rd	Introduction of specified contraband into certain DCF facilities.
918.12	3rd	Tampering with jurors.
934.215	3rd	Use of two-way communications device to facilitate commission of a crime.
944.47(1)(a)6.	3rd	Introduction of contraband (cellular telephone or other portable communication device) into correctional institution.

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951.22(1)(h), (j) & (k)	3rd	Intoxicating drug, instrumentality or other device to aid escape, or cellular telephone or other portable communication device introduced into county detention facility.

Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2022.

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