

CHAPTER 2018-128

Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 165

An act relating to written threats to conduct mass shootings or acts of terrorism; amending s. 836.10, F.S.; prohibiting a person from making, posting, or transmitting a threat to conduct a mass shooting or an act of terrorism in a writing or other record in any manner that would allow another person to view the threat; providing criminal penalties; exempting certain providers of services from liability amending s. 921.0022, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; reenacting ss. 794.056 and 938.085, F.S., relating to the Rape Crises Program Trust Fund and additional cost to fund rape crises centers, respectively, to incorporate the amendments made by the act; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 836.10, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

836.10 Written threats to kill, or do bodily injury, or conduct a mass shooting or an act of terrorism; punishment; exemption from liability.—

(1) Any person who writes or composes and also sends or procures the sending of any letter, inscribed communication, or electronic communication, whether such letter or communication be signed or anonymous, to any person, containing a threat to kill or to do bodily injury to the person to whom such letter or communication is sent, or a threat to kill or do bodily injury to any member of the family of the person to whom such letter or communication is sent, or any person who makes, posts, or transmits a threat in a writing or other record, including an electronic record, to conduct a mass shooting or an act of terrorism, in any manner that would allow another person to view the threat, commits a felony of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

(2) This section does not impose liability on a provider of an interactive computer service, communications services as defined in s. 202.11, a commercial mobile service, or an information service, including, but not limited to, an Internet service provider or a hosting service provider, if it provides the transmission, storage, or caching of electronic communications or messages of others or provides another related telecommunications service, commercial mobile radio service, or information service for use by another person who violates this section. This exemption from liability is consistent with and in addition to any liability exemption provided under 47 U.S.C. s. 230.

Section 2. Paragraph (f) 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

(f) LEVEL 6

Florida Statute	Felony Degree	Description
316.027(2)(b)	2nd	Leaving the scene of a crash involving serious bodily injury.
316.193(2)(b)	3rd	Felony DUI, 4th or subsequent conviction.
400.9935(4)(c)	2nd	Operating a clinic, or offering services requiring licensure, without a license.
499.0051(2)	2nd	Knowing forgery of transaction history, transaction information, or transaction statement.
499.0051(3)	2nd	Knowing purchase or receipt of prescription drug from unauthorized person.
499.0051(4)	2nd	Knowing sale or transfer of prescription drug to unauthorized person.
775.0875(1)	3rd	Taking firearm from law enforcement officer.
784.021(1)(a)	3rd	Aggravated assault; deadly weapon without intent to kill.
784.021(1)(b)	3rd	Aggravated assault; intent to commit felony.
784.041	3rd	Felony battery; domestic battery by strangulation.
784.048(3)	3rd	Aggravated stalking; credible threat.
784.048(5)	3rd	Aggravated stalking of person under 16.
784.07(2)(c)	2nd	Aggravated assault on law enforcement officer.
784.074(1)(b)	2nd	Aggravated assault on sexually violent predators facility staff.
784.08(2)(b)	2nd	Aggravated assault on a person 65 years of age or older.
784.081(2)	2nd	Aggravated assault on specified official or employee.
784.082(2)	2nd	Aggravated assault by detained person on visitor or other detainee.

Florida Statute	Felony Degree	Description
784.083(2)	2nd	Aggravated assault on code inspector.
787.02(2)	3rd	False imprisonment; restraining with purpose other than those in s. 787.01.
790.115(2)(d)	2nd	Discharging firearm or weapon on school property.
790.161(2)	2nd	Make, possess, or throw destructive device with intent to do bodily harm or damage property.
790.164(1)	2nd	False report concerning bomb, explosive, weapon of mass destruction, act of arson or violence to state property, or use of firearms in violent manner.
790.19	2nd	Shooting or throwing deadly missiles into dwellings, vessels, or vehicles.
794.011(8)(a)	3rd	Solicitation of minor to participate in sexual activity by custodial adult.
794.05(1)	2nd	Unlawful sexual activity with specified minor.
800.04(5)(d)	3rd	Lewd or lascivious molestation; victim 12 years of age or older but less than 16 years of age; offender less than 18 years.
800.04(6)(b)	2nd	Lewd or lascivious conduct; offender 18 years of age or older.
806.031(2)	2nd	Arson resulting in great bodily harm to firefighter or any other person.
810.02(3)(c)	2nd	Burglary of occupied structure; unarmed; no assault or battery.
810.145(8)(b)	2nd	Video voyeurism; certain minor victims; 2nd or subsequent offense.
812.014(2)(b)1.	2nd	Property stolen \$20,000 or more, but less than \$100,000, grand theft in 2nd degree.
812.014(6)	2nd	Theft; property stolen \$3,000 or more; coordination of others.
812.015(9)(a)	2nd	Retail theft; property stolen \$300 or more; second or subsequent conviction.

Florida Statute	Felony Degree	Description
812.015(9)(b)	2nd	Retail theft; property stolen \$3,000 or more; coordination of others.
812.13(2)(c)	2nd	Robbery, no firearm or other weapon (strong-arm robbery).
817.4821(5)	2nd	Possess cloning paraphernalia with intent to create cloned cellular telephones.
817.505(4)(b)	2nd	Patient brokering; 10 or more patients.
825.102(1)	3rd	Abuse of an elderly person or disabled adult.
825.102(3)(c)	3rd	Neglect of an elderly person or disabled adult.
825.1025(3)	3rd	Lewd or lascivious molestation of an elderly person or disabled adult.
825.103(3)(c)	3rd	Exploiting an elderly person or disabled adult and property is valued at less than \$10,000.
827.03(2)(c)	3rd	Abuse of a child.
827.03(2)(d)	3rd	Neglect of a child.
827.071(2) & (3)	2nd	Use or induce a child in a sexual performance, or promote or direct such performance.
836.05	2nd	Threats; extortion.
836.10	2nd	Written threats to kill, or do bodily injury, <u>or conduct a mass shooting or act of terrorism.</u>
843.12	3rd	Aids or assists person to escape.
847.011	3rd	Distributing, offering to distribute, or possessing with intent to distribute obscene materials depicting minors.
847.012	3rd	Knowingly using a minor in the production of materials harmful to minors.
847.0135(2)	3rd	Facilitates sexual conduct of or with a minor or the visual depiction of such conduct.
914.23	2nd	Retaliation against a witness, victim, or informant, with bodily injury.
944.35(3)(a)2.	3rd	Committing malicious battery upon or inflicting cruel or inhuman treatment on an inmate or offender on community supervision, resulting in great bodily harm.

Florida Statute	Felony Degree	Description
944.40	2nd	Escapes.
944.46	3rd	Harboring, concealing, aiding escaped prisoners.
944.47(1)(a)5.	2nd	Introduction of contraband (firearm, weapon, or explosive) into correctional facility.
951.22(1)	3rd	Intoxicating drug, firearm, or weapon introduced into county facility.

Section 3. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 836.10, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, Section 794.056, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

794.056 Rape Crisis Program Trust Fund.—

(1) The Rape Crisis Program Trust Fund is created within the Department of Health for the purpose of providing funds for rape crisis centers in this state. Trust fund moneys shall be used exclusively for the purpose of providing services for victims of sexual assault. Funds credited to the trust fund consist of those funds collected as an additional court assessment in each case in which a defendant pleads guilty or nolo contendere to, or is found guilty of, regardless of adjudication, an offense provided in s. 775.21(6) and (10)(a), (b), and (g); s. 784.011; s. 784.021; s. 784.03; s. 784.041; s. 784.045; s. 784.048; s. 784.07; s. 784.08; s. 784.081; s. 784.082; s. 784.083; s. 784.085; s. 787.01(3); s. 787.02(3); s. 787.025; s. 787.06; s. 787.07; s. 794.011; s. 794.05; s. 794.08; former s. 796.03; former s. 796.035; s. 796.04; s. 796.05; s. 796.06; s. 796.07(2)(a)-(d) and (i); s. 800.03; s. 800.04; s. 810.14; s. 810.145; s. 812.135; s. 817.025; s. 825.102; s. 825.1025; s. 827.071; s. 836.10; s. 847.0133; s. 847.0135(2); s. 847.0137; s. 847.0145; s. 943.0435(4)(c), (7), (8), (9)(a), (13), and (14)(c); or s. 985.701(1). Funds credited to the trust fund also shall include revenues provided by law, moneys appropriated by the Legislature, and grants from public or private entities.

(2) The Department of Health shall establish by rule criteria consistent with the provisions of s. 794.055(3)(b) for distributing moneys from the trust fund to rape crisis centers.

Section 4. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 836.10, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, Section 938.085, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

938.085 Additional cost to fund rape crisis centers.—In addition to any sanction imposed when a person pleads guilty or nolo contendere to, or is found guilty of, regardless of adjudication, a violation of s. 775.21(6) and (10)(a), (b), and (g); s. 784.011; s. 784.021; s. 784.03; s. 784.041; s. 784.045; s. 784.048; s. 784.07; s. 784.08; s. 784.081; s. 784.082; s. 784.083; s. 784.085; s.

787.01(3); s. 787.02(3); 787.025; s. 787.06; s. 787.07; s. 794.011; s. 794.05; s. 794.08; former s. 796.03; former s. 796.035; s. 796.04; s. 796.05; s. 796.06; s. 796.07(2)(a)-(d) and (i); s. 800.03; s. 800.04; s. 810.14; s. 810.145; s. 812.135; s. 817.025; s. 825.102; s. 825.1025; s. 827.071; s. 836.10; s. 847.0133; s. 847.0135(2); s. 847.0137; s. 847.0145; s. 943.0435(4)(c), (7), (8), (9)(a), (13), and (14)(c); or s. 985.701(1), the court shall impose a surcharge of \$151. Payment of the surcharge shall be a condition of probation, community control, or any other court-ordered supervision. The sum of \$150 of the surcharge shall be deposited into the Rape Crisis Program Trust Fund established within the Department of Health by chapter 2003-140, Laws of Florida. The clerk of the court shall retain \$1 of each surcharge that the clerk of the court collects as a service charge of the clerk's office.

Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

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