



Florida Three Strikes Custody Interference Act

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Re: Request to sponsor graduated enforcement for repeated, adjudicated time-sharing interference

As a Florida constituent, I respectfully ask you to sponsor and support the Florida Three Strikes Custody Interference Act.

Florida Statute 787.03 already treats qualifying interference with custody as a third-degree felony. Repeated willful violations of a time-sharing order, however, may be addressed through family-court enforcement and may not satisfy the separate elements of that criminal offense. This proposal would create a clear graduated response for repeated violations proven after notice and a hearing, without weakening or displacing existing criminal law.

A first and second adjudicated violation could require a \$500 civil penalty, prompt make-up time, and reimbursement of reasonable enforcement costs. A third or subsequent willful violation could trigger enhanced Chapter 61 sanctions and referral to the appropriate prosecuting authority when the facts may satisfy existing criminal law. A strike should require a written finding of willful interference without proper cause and should not arise from a good-faith safety report, an emergency, ambiguity in the order, or conduct protected by law.

Consistent, proportionate enforcement would deter repeated obstruction while preserving due process and legitimate child-safety protections. Please consider sponsoring a carefully drafted version of this proposal. I would welcome a brief call with you or your staff.

Respectfully submitted,

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