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Speaker Renner Highlights Expansive Law & Order Agenda

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (*April 12, 2023*) — Today, at a press conference House Speaker Paul Renner (R-Palm Coast) highlighted public safety policies to provide law enforcement with the tools they need to keep our communities safe and increase penalties against individuals who commit crimes. The Speaker was joined by sponsors of key public safety measures.

“If you commit a serious crime, you’re going to face the consequences of your actions,” said Speaker Renner. “While diversion and rehabilitation are important to providing individuals who come in contact with the justice system an opportunity to correct their behavior, people must be held accountable, and we must ensure our first responders have the tools they need to do their jobs professionally and effectively. The Florida House prioritizes public safety and keeping our communities safe.”

Legislation highlighted today includes bills being discussed on the House Floor on Thursday, April 13:

- CS/HB 1465 by Rep. Garrison (R-Fleming Island) and Rep. Snyder (R-Palm City) increases penalties for repeated firearm thefts and adds 10-20-Life as a mandatory minimum penalty to the offense of human trafficking if a firearm was involved;
- HB 1627 by Rep. Garrison standardizes and expands pretrial detention offenses, prohibits a person from being released prior to first appearance for certain crimes, requires the court to order pretrial defense for certain offenses where such release may subject the community to physical harm, risk the absence of the defendant at trial or jeopardize the integrity of the judicial process;

- HB 555 by Rep. Jacques (R-Clearwater) requires a jury to recommend a sentence of death to the court if at least eight jurors determine a defendant should be sentenced to death rather than requiring unanimity;
- CS/CS/HB 1297 by Rep. Baker (R-Jacksonville) authorizes a judge to impose a sentence of death for the offense of sexual battery against a victim under the age of 12 if at least eight jurors recommend a death sentence;
- CS/HB 537 by Rep. Silvers (D-West Palm Beach) excludes certain offenders of heinous crimes from being eligible to have their term of probation reduced or to receive basic and incentive gain time;

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