



1999 SENATE BILL 213

July 27, 1999 – Introduced by Senator BAUMGART, cosponsored by Representatives KESTELL and GRONEMUS. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Consumer Affairs.

1 **AN ACT to create** 948.035 of the statutes; **relating to:** inducing or causing
2 self-mutilation by a child and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law does not prohibit individuals from physically harming themselves. In addition, with some exceptions (such as the prohibition on assisting suicide), current law generally does not prohibit a person from inducing or causing others to harm themselves.

This bill prohibits a person from inducing or causing a child to cut his or her own skin intentionally. A person violating this prohibition is guilty of a Class E felony. If a person violates this prohibition and the child suffers great bodily harm as a result, the person is guilty of a Class D felony. If a person violates this prohibition and consumes the child's blood, the person is guilty of a Class C felony.

<u>Crime</u>	<u>Fine</u>	<u>Maximum Imprisonment</u> (for offenses occurring before 12/31/99)	<u>Maximum Imprisonment</u> (for offenses occurring on or after 12/31/99)
Class E felony	\$10,000	Two years	Five years
Class D felony	\$10,000	Five years	Ten years
Class C felony	\$10,000	Ten years	Fifteen years

