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Other models that you might wish to consider in defining "violent felony" include the definition of "violent crime" in s. 939.632 relating to penalty enhancers for a violent crime in a school zone and the definition of "serious felony" in s. 973.0135 relating to parole eligibility for a prior offender who is sentenced for a serious felony. The advantage of using either of these approaches is that they zero in more precisely on the worst crimes in chs. 940 and 948. In addition, the definition in s. 939.632, because it relates to violent crimes in a school zone, appears to bear some rational relationship to this draft, which relates to employment discrimination by an educational agency. Moreover, the definition in s. 973.0135 includes drug felonies punishable by 30 years in prison, which also might bear some rational relationship to protecting the safety of school children. If the crimes listed in either of these definitions make sense to you in the context of employment at a school, please advise and I will redraft accordingly.

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