

**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.

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***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> <i>(for offenses occurring before 12/31/99)</i>	<u>Maximum Imprisonment</u> <i>(for offenses occurring on or after 12/31/99)</i>
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

