Florida Senate - 2002

By Senator Wise

6-1188-02 A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to assault or battery on 3 specified officials; amending s. 784.081, F.S.; providing enhanced penalties for the offenses 4 5 of assault, battery, aggravated assault, and aggravated battery if the offense is committed б 7 on a person officiating at an interscholastic 8 activity; providing an effective date. 9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 10 11 Section 1. Section 784.081, Florida Statutes, is 12 13 amended to read: 784.081 Assault or battery on specified officials or 14 15 employees; reclassification of offenses. --Whenever a person is 16 charged with committing an assault or aggravated assault or a 17 battery or aggravated battery upon any elected official or 18 employee of: a school district; a private school; the Florida 19 School for the Deaf and the Blind; a university developmental 20 research school; a state university or any other entity of the state system of public education, as defined in s. 228.041; a 21 22 person officiating at an interscholastic activity; an employee 23 or protective investigator of the Department of Children and Family Services; or an employee of a lead community-based 24 provider and its direct service contract providers, when the 25 26 person committing the offense knows or has reason to know the 27 identity or position or employment of the victim, the offense 28 for which the person is charged shall be reclassified as follows: 29 In the case of aggravated battery, from a felony 30 (1) of the second degree to a felony of the first degree. 31 1 CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.

(2) In the case of aggravated assault, from a felony of the third degree to a felony of the second degree. (3) In the case of battery, from a misdemeanor of the first degree to a felony of the third degree. (4) In the case of assault, from a misdemeanor of the б second degree to a misdemeanor of the first degree. Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002. SENATE SUMMARY Reclassifies the penalty to the next degree of severity if a person commits an assault, battery, aggravated assault, or aggravated battery on a person who is officiating at an interscholastic activity.

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