

By Representative Kendrick

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to assault or battery on  
3           specified officials; amending s. 784.081, F.S.;  
4           providing enhanced penalties for the offenses  
5           of assault, battery, aggravated assault, and  
6           aggravated battery if the offense is committed  
7           on a person officiating an interscholastic  
8           activity; providing an effective date.

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10   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12           Section 1.   Section 784.081, Florida Statutes, is  
13   amended to read:

14           784.081   Assault or battery on specified officials or  
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  
21   state system of public education, as defined in s. 228.041; a  
22   person officiating an interscholastic activity; an employee or  
23   protective investigator of the Department of Children and  
24   Family Services; or an employee of a lead community-based  
25   provider and its direct service contract providers, when the  
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  
29   follows:

30           (1)   In the case of aggravated battery, from a felony  
31   of the second degree to a felony of the first degree.

