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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to assault or battery on  
specified officials; amending s. 784.081, F.S.;  
providing enhanced penalties for the offense of  
assault, battery, aggravated assault, or  
aggravated battery if the offense is committed  
upon certain persons officiating at an  
interscholastic activity; providing an  
effective date.

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

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

784.081 Assault or battery on specified officials or  
employees; reclassification of offenses.--Whenever a person is  
charged with committing an assault or aggravated assault or a  
battery or aggravated battery upon any elected official or  
employee of: a school district; a private school; the Florida  
School for the Deaf and the Blind; a university developmental  
research school; a state university or any other entity of the  
state system of public education, as defined in s. 1000.04; an  
interscholastic sports official as defined in s.  
440.02(15)(d)11.; an employee or protective investigator of  
the Department of Children and Family Services; or an employee  
of a lead community-based provider and its direct service  
contract providers, when the person committing the offense  
knows or has reason to know the identity or position or  
employment of the victim, the offense for which the person is  
charged shall be reclassified as follows:

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

3 (2) In the case of aggravated assault, from a felony  
4 of the third degree to a felony of the second degree.

5 (3) In the case of battery, from a misdemeanor of the  
6 first degree to a felony of the third degree.

7 (4) In the case of assault, from a misdemeanor of the  
8 second degree to a misdemeanor of the first degree.

9 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.

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12 SENATE SUMMARY

13 Reclassifies the penalty to the next degree of severity  
14 if a person commits an assault, battery, aggravated  
15 assault, or aggravated battery on a person who is  
16 officiating at an interscholastic activity.

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