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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to assault; amending s. 901.15, F.S.;
 3 providing a law enforcement officer may make an arrest
 4 without a warrant under certain circumstances when an
 5 assault is made upon another person in that person's
 6 workplace; providing for immunity from civil liability
 7 under certain circumstances; providing a definition;
 8 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. Subsection (9) of section 901.15, Florida
 13 Statutes, is amended to read:

14 901.15 When arrest by officer without warrant is
 15 lawful.--A law enforcement officer may arrest a person without a
 16 warrant when:

17 (9) There is probable cause to believe that the person has
 18 committed:

19 (a) Any battery upon another person, as defined in s.
 20 784.03.

21 (b) An act of criminal mischief or a graffiti-related
 22 offense as described in s. 806.13.

23 (c) An assault upon another person, as defined in s.
 24 784.011, when the assault is committed in the workplace of the
 25 person assaulted. A law enforcement officer who acts in good
 26 faith and exercises due care in making an arrest under this
 27 paragraph is immune from civil liability that otherwise might
 28 result by reason of his or her action. For the purposes of this
 29 paragraph, the term "workplace" means a single physical location
 30 where business is conducted or services or operations are



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31 performed and includes the area within 100 feet of that
32 location.

33 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.