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

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

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

13           784.081 Assault or battery on specified officials or  
 14           employees; reclassification of offenses.--Whenever a person is  
 15           charged with committing an assault or aggravated assault or a  
 16           battery or aggravated battery upon any elected official or  
 17           employee of: a school district; a private school; the Florida  
 18           School for the Deaf and the Blind; a university developmental  
 19           research school; a state university or any other entity of the  
 20           state system of public education, as defined in s. 1000.04; an  
 21           interscholastic sports official as defined in s.  
 22           440.02(15)(d)11.; an employee or protective investigator of the  
 23           Department of Children and Family Services; or an employee of a  
 24           lead community-based provider and its direct service contract  
 25           providers, when the person committing the offense knows or has  
 26           reason to know the identity or position or employment of the  
 27           victim, the offense for which the person is charged shall be  
 28           reclassified as follows:

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



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

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

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

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