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By House Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Representatives Basich, Kremen, Ballasiotes, Quall, Van Luven and Carlson)

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1 AN ACT Relating to sports officials; amending RCW 9A.36.031;
2 creating a new section; and prescribing penalties.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9A.36.031 and 1990 c 236 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) A person is guilty of assault in the third degree if he or she,
7 under circumstances not amounting to assault in the first or second
8 degree:

9 (a) With intent to prevent or resist the execution of any lawful
10 process or mandate of any court officer or the lawful apprehension or
11 detention of himself or herself or another person, assaults another; or

12 (b) Assaults a person employed as a transit operator or driver by
13 a public or private transit company while that person is operating or
14 is in control of a vehicle that is owned or operated by the transit
15 company and that is occupied by one or more passengers; or

16 (c) Assaults a school bus driver employed by a school district or
17 a private company under contract for transportation services with a
18 school district while the driver is operating or is in control of a
19 school bus that is occupied by one or more passengers; or

1 (d) With criminal negligence, causes bodily harm to another person
2 by means of a weapon or other instrument or thing likely to produce
3 bodily harm; or

4 (e) Assaults a fire fighter or other employee of a fire department
5 or fire protection district who was performing his or her official
6 duties at the time of the assault; or

7 (f) With criminal negligence, causes bodily harm accompanied by
8 substantial pain that extends for a period sufficient to cause
9 considerable suffering; or

10 (g) Assaults a law enforcement officer or other employee of a law
11 enforcement agency who was performing his or her official duties at the
12 time of the assault or;

13 (h) Assaults any sports official (i) who was performing his or her
14 sport official duties at the time of the assault, or (ii) after the
15 sports official performs his or her official duties at an athletic
16 event if the assault occurs within the confines or immediate vicinity
17 of the athletic facility at which the event occurred. "Sports
18 officials" means those individuals who serve as referees, umpires,
19 linesmen, and those who serve in similar capacities but may be known by
20 other titles and are duly registered or members of a local, state,
21 regional, or national organization engaged in part in providing
22 education and training to sports officials.

23 (2) Assault in the third degree is a class C felony.

24 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act shall apply to all assaults against
25 sports officials and actions by sports officials that occur on or after
26 the effective date of this act.

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