

ACT No. 2001-1099

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3 By Senator Smitherman
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Enrolled, An Act,

Relating to sports officials; to provide for the crimes of harassment, menacing, and assault in the first, second, and third degree of a sports official; and in connection therewith would have as its purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds within the meaning of Amendment 621 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. For purposes of this act, a "sports official" is a person at a sports event who enforces the rules of the event, such as an umpire or referee, or a person who supervises the participants, such as a coach. A "sports event" includes any interscholastic or intramural athletic activity in a primary, middle, junior high, or high school, college, or university, any organized athletic activity sponsored by a community, business, or nonprofit organization, any athletic activity that is a professional or semiprofessional event, and any other organized athletic activity in the state.

Section 2. (a) A person commits the crime of harassment of a sports official if he or she commits the crime of harassment as provided for by Section 13A-11-8, Code of Alabama 1975, and the victim is a sports official performing

1 official duties and the harassment is a result of the official
2 performing his or her official duties. Harassment of a sports
3 official is a Class B misdemeanor.

4 (b) A person commits the crime of menacing a sports
5 official if he or she commits the crime of menacing as
6 provided for by Section 13A-6-23, Code of Alabama 1975, and
7 the victim is a sports official performing official duties and
8 the menacing is a result of the official performing his or her
9 official duties. Menacing a sports official is a Class A
10 misdemeanor.

11 (c) A person commits the crime of assault of a
12 sports official in the third degree if he or she commits the
13 crime of assault in the third degree as provided for by
14 Section 13A-6-22, Code of Alabama 1975, and the victim is a
15 sports official performing official duties and the assault is
16 a result of the official performing his or her official
17 duties. Assault of a sports official in the third degree is a
18 Class C felony.

19 (d) A person commits the crime of assault of a
20 sports official in the second degree if he or she commits the
21 crime of assault in the second degree as provided for by
22 Section 13A-6-21, Code of Alabama 1975, and the victim is a
23 sports official performing official duties and the assault is
24 a result of the official performing his or her official

1 duties. Assault of a sports official in the second degree is a
2 Class B felony.

3 (e) A person commits the crime of assault of a
4 sports official in the first degree if he or she commits the
5 crime of assault in the first degree as provided for by
6 Section 13A-6-20, Code of Alabama 1975, and the victim is a
7 sports official performing official duties and the assault is
8 a result of the official performing his or her official
9 duties. Assault of a sports official in the first degree is a
10 Class A felony.

11 Section 3. Although this bill would have as its
12 purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased
13 expenditure of local funds, the bill is excluded from further
14 requirements and application under Amendment 621 because the
15 bill defines a new crime or amends the definition of an
16 existing crime.

17 Section 4. This act shall become effective on the
18 first day of the third month following upon its passage and
19 approval by the Governor, or upon its otherwise becoming a
20 law.

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Gene Hinson

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate.

McDowell Lee
Secretary

House of Representatives
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By: Senator Smitherman

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