

HB 1585 -- Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer

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This bill revises the crime of assault on a law enforcement officer. The bill makes it a class C felony when a person:

(1) Acts with criminal negligence and causes physical injury to a law enforcement officer by means of a deadly weapon. Under current law, this crime is a class A misdemeanor;

(2) Acts with criminal negligence and creates a substantial risk of death or serious physical injury to a law enforcement officer. Under current law, this crime is a class A misdemeanor; and

(3) Purposely or recklessly places a law enforcement officer in apprehension of immediate serious physical injury. Under current law, this crime is a class A misdemeanor, though the immediate physical injury need not be "serious."

The bill also makes it a class B felony to knowingly cause, or attempt to cause, physical injury to a law enforcement officer. Under current law, this crime is a class B felony when committed with a deadly weapon; and if no deadly weapon is used, it is a class A misdemeanor.