

HB 945 -- Crimes Against Criminal Justice Officials and  
Corrections Personnel

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This bill creates the crime of murder of a criminal justice official in the first degree when a person knowingly causes the death of a criminal justice official while the official was performing lawful duties or when the person knowingly causes the death of the criminal justice official because of his or her status as a criminal justice official. Any person who commits murder of a criminal justice official in the first degree will be guilty of a felony punishable by death unless other mitigating factors are present.

The crime of assault of a law enforcement officer, emergency personnel, or probation or parole officer in the first degree is expanded to include corrections officers.