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SENATE BILL 343

Short Title: Student Assault On Teacher/Felony Offense. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Tillman (Primary Sponsor); Krawiec, McInnis, Pate, and Rabin.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

March 23, 2015

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO MAKE IT A FELONY OFFENSE FOR A STUDENT WHO IS SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER TO ASSAULT A SCHOOL EMPLOYEE ON SCHOOL PROPERTY WHEN THE EMPLOYEE IS DISCHARGING OFFICIAL DUTIES OR THE ASSAULT IS COMMITTED AS A RESULT OF THE DISCHARGE OR ATTEMPT TO DISCHARGE THE INDIVIDUAL'S DUTIES AS A SCHOOL EMPLOYEE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Article 8 of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

**"§ 14-33.3. Student assault on a school employee.**

(a) Definitions. – The following definitions apply in this section:

(1) Duties. – All activities on school property.

(2) Employee. – Has the same meaning as G.S. 14-33(c)(6)b.1. and 2.

(3) School property. – Any school building, bus, school campus, grounds, recreational area, athletic field, or other property owned, used, or operated by any board of education or school board of trustees, or directors for the administration of any primary or secondary school.

(4) Student. – A person enrolled in a public school, a charter school authorized under G.S. 115C-218.5, or a nonpublic school which has filed intent to operate under Part 1 or Part 2 of Article 39 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes.

(b) Offense. – Unless the conduct is covered under some other provision of law providing greater punishment, a student who assaults a school employee is guilty of a felony offense under this section if all of the following criteria are satisfied:

(1) The student is 16 years of age or older.

(2) The student assaults the school employee when the employee is discharging or attempting to discharge his or her duties as an employee, or the student assaults the school employee as a result of the discharge or attempt to discharge that individual's duties as a school employee.

(3) The assault occurs on school property.

(c) Penalty. – A student convicted of a first offense under this section is guilty of a Class I felony. A student convicted of a second or subsequent offense under this section is guilty of a Class G felony."

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2015, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

