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By House Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Representatives Hankins, Cooper, Fisher, Romero, Blalock, Constantine, Gardner, O'Brien, Scott, Zellinsky, Hatfield and Keiser)

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1 AN ACT Relating to assault on bus drivers; amending RCW 9A.36.031;
2 and prescribing penalties.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9A.36.031 and 1996 c 266 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 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))~~ who was
16 performing his or her official duties at the time of the assault; or

17 (c) Assaults a school bus driver employed by a school district or
18 a private company under contract for transportation services with a
19 school district (~~((while the driver is operating or is in control of a~~

1 ~~school bus that is occupied by one or more passengers))~~ who was
2 performing his or her official duties at the time of the assault; or

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

6 (e) Assaults a fire fighter or other employee of a fire department,
7 county fire marshal's office, county fire prevention bureau, or fire
8 protection district who was performing his or her official duties at
9 the time of the assault; or

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

13 (g) Assaults a law enforcement officer or other employee of a law
14 enforcement agency who was performing his or her official duties at the
15 time of the assault.

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

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