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AN ACT to amend and reenact section fifteen, article two, chapter sixty-one of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to assault or battery of a school employee; and adding assault or battery of an off duty school employee when the motive for the assault or battery is retaliation for an action taken by the employee to supervise or discipline one or more pupils.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section fifteen, article two, chapter sixty-one of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2. CRIMES AGAINST THE PERSON.

§61-2-15. Assault, battery on school employees; penalties.

- 1 (a) If any person commits an assault: (1) By unlawfully
- 2 attempting to commit a violent injury to the person of a school

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3 employee while he or she is engaged in the performance of his or her duties, is commuting to or from his or her place of 4 5 employment or if the motive for the assault is retaliation for some action taken by the employee to supervise or discipline 6 one or more pupils pursuant to sections one or one-a, article 7 five, chapter eighteen-a of this code; or (2) by unlawfully 8 9 committing an act which places a school employee in reason-10 able apprehension of immediately receiving a violent injury while the employee is engaged in the performance of his or her 11 12 duties, is commuting to or from his or her place of employment or if the motive for the assault is retaliation for some action 13 14 taken by the employee to supervise or discipline one or more 15 pupils pursuant to sections one or one-a, article five, chapter eighteen-a of this code, he or she is guilty of a misdemeanor 16 17 and, upon conviction thereof, shall be confined in the county or 18 regional jail not less than five days nor more than six months 19 and fined not less than fifty dollars nor more than one hundred 20 dollars.

(b) If any person commits a battery: (1) By unlawfully and intentionally making physical contact of an insulting or provoking nature with the person of a school employee while he or she is engaged in the performance of his or her duties, is commuting to or from his or her place of employment or if the motive for the battery is retaliation for some action taken by the employee to supervise or discipline one or more pupils pursuant to sections one or one-a, article five, chapter eighteen-a of this code; or (2) by unlawfully and intentionally causing physical harm to a school employee while he or she is engaged in the performance of his or her duties, is commuting to or from his or her place of employment or if the motive for the battery is retaliation for some action taken by the employee to supervise or discipline one or more pupils pursuant to sections one or one-a, article five, chapter eighteen-a of this code, he or she is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be confined in the county or regional jail not less than ten days nor more than twelve months and fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars.

40 (c) For the purposes of this section, "school employee"
41 means a person employed by a county board of education
42 whether employed on a regular full-time basis, an hourly basis
43 or otherwise. For the purposes of this section, a "school
44 employee" includes a student teacher.

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That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled. Chailman Senate Committee Chairman House Committee Originating in the House. Takes effect ninety days from passage. Clerk of the Senate the House of Delegates resident of the Senate Speaker of the House of Delegates this the _ The within __ day of _ 1999. Governor

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