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SUMMARY

- Increases the penalty for assault when the victim is a school employee or volunteer.
- Defines “school employee or volunteer.”

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Assault of school employee or volunteer

The bill increases the penalty for assault when the victim is a school employee or volunteer. Under current law, assault is generally a first degree misdemeanor, but the offense is a fifth degree felony when the victim is a school teacher or administrator or a school bus operator and the offense occurs in a school, on school premises, in a school building, on a school bus, or while the victim is outside of school premises or a school bus and is engaged in duties or official responsibilities associated with the victim’s employment or position as a school teacher or administrator or a school bus operator, including, but not limited to, driving, accompanying, or chaperoning students at or on class or field trips, athletic events, or other school extracurricular activities or functions outside of school premises. The bill modifies this prohibition by including school employees or volunteers to these circumstances.¹

Definitions

The bill defines “school employee or volunteer” as any person employed by or serving as a volunteer at a school district, educational service center, other public school, or private school and any contractor or person hired by a contractor engaged in providing services to a school district, educational service center, other public school, or private school in any position.²

¹ R.C. 2903.13(C)(4)(d).

² R.C. 2903.13(E)(7).

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