

BILL ANALYSIS

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S.B. 1123
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DIGEST

Current state law does not provide a penalty for a person who assaults a sports official based on the performance of the official's duties. S.B. 1123 would create an offense for a person who causes bodily injury to a sports official, or who threatens or causes physical contact to a sports official.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1123 creates offenses to punish assaults committed against certain sports officials.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Sections 22.01(b), (c), and (e), Penal Code, to establish that an offense under Subsection (a)(1) is a Class A misdemeanor, except the offense is a state jail felony if it is shown at trial of the offense that the offense is committed against a sports official in retaliation for the official's duties. Establishes that an offense under Subsection (a)(2) or (3) is a Class C misdemeanor, except an offense under Subsection (a)(2) or (3) is a Class A misdemeanor if the offense is committed against a sports official in relation to the official's duties. Redefines "family." Defines "sports official." Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.