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- AN ACT Relating to first degree assault of a child; and amending
- 2 RCW 9A.36.120.

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- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9A.36.120 and 1992 c 145 s 1 are each amended to read 5 as follows:
- 6 (1) A person eighteen years of age or older is guilty of the crime 7 of assault of a child in the first degree if the child is under the age 8 of thirteen and the person:
- 9 (a) Commits the crime of assault in the first degree, as defined in RCW 9A.36.011, against the child; $((\frac{or}{or}))$
 - (b) Intentionally assaults the child and ((either:
- 12 (i))) recklessly inflicts great bodily harm; ((or
- $\frac{(ii)}{(ii)}$) <u>(c)</u> Causes substantial bodily harm, and the person has
- 14 previously engaged in a pattern or practice ((either)) of ((A))
- 15 assaulting the child which has resulted in bodily harm that is greater
- 16 than transient physical pain or minor temporary marks((τ)): or
- 17 (((B))) <u>(d) Causes substantial bodily harm, and the person has</u>
- 18 previously engaged in a pattern or practice of causing the child

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- 1 physical pain or agony that is equivalent to that produced by torture.
- 2 (2) Assault of a child in the first degree is a class A felony.

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