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By Senators Smith, Haugen, Winsley, McCaslin, Wojahn, C. Anderson, Rasmussen, Moyer, Prentice, Rinehart, Long, Quigley, McAuliffe and Kohl Read first time 01/09/95. Referred to Committee on Law & Justice.

- AN ACT Relating to assault; amending RCW 9A.36.031; and prescribing
- 2 penalties.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9A.36.031 and 1990 c 236 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
- (b) Assaults a person employed as a transit operator or driver by a public or private transit company while that person is operating or is in control of a vehicle that is owned or operated by the transit company and that is occupied by one or more passengers; or
- (c) Assaults a school bus driver employed by a school district or a private company under contract for transportation services with a school district while the driver is operating or is in control of a school bus that is occupied by one or more passengers; or

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- 1 (d) With criminal negligence, causes bodily harm to another person 2 by means of a weapon or other instrument or thing likely to produce 3 bodily harm; or
- 4 (e) Assaults a fire fighter or other employee of a fire department 5 or fire protection district who was performing his or her official 6 duties at the time of the assault; or
- 7 (f) With criminal negligence, causes bodily harm accompanied by 8 substantial pain that extends for a period sufficient to cause 9 considerable suffering; or
- 10 (g) Assaults a law enforcement officer or other employee of a law enforcement agency who was performing his or her official duties at the 12 time of the assault; or
- 13 (h) Assaults a nurse or other health care worker who was performing
 14 his or her official duties at the time of the assault.
- 15 (2) Assault in the third degree is a class C felony.

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