

SENATE BILL 110

By Watson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
relative to assault.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-101(b)(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

(A) Except as provided in subdivision (b)(1)(B), assault under:

(i) Subdivision (a)(1) is a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by incarceration and a fine not to exceed fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000);

(ii) Subdivision (a)(2) is a Class A misdemeanor; and

(iii) Subdivision (a)(3) is a Class B misdemeanor.

(B) Assault committed against an official in a youth sporting event is a Class E felony. As used in this subdivision (b)(1)(B), "official in a youth sporting event" means a person, either paid or volunteering, who is acting as a referee, umpire, or other official at an event in which minors or elementary, secondary, or post-secondary students are competing in an athletic activity.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.