

SENATE BILL 764

By Campbell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,  
relative to criminal offenses on school property.

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

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

(1)

(A) Except as provided in subdivision (b)(1)(B), assault under subdivision (a)(1) is a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by incarceration and a fine not to exceed fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000);

(B) Assault under subdivision (a)(1) is a Class E felony, punishable by incarceration and a fine not to exceed fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) if the offense occurred while the defendant was trespassing on the property of a school and the offense was committed against a school employee;

(C) Assault under subdivision (a)(2) is a Class A misdemeanor; and

(D) Assault under subdivision (a)(3) is a Class B misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-101, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

( ) As used in subdivision (b)(1):

(1) "Property" means any school building, bus, school campus, grounds, recreational area, athletic field, or other property owned, used, or operated by a local education agency, private school board of trustees, or directors for the administration of a school; and

(2) "School" means any public or private elementary school, middle school, high school, college of applied technology, postsecondary vocational or technical school, or two-year or four-year college or university.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.