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HOUSE BILL 1085

Short Title: Amend Ethnic Intimidation Law.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Luebke, Miller, Michaux (Cosponsors); Alexander, Boyd-McIntyre, Braswell, Earle, Easterling, Hackney, Hensley, H. Hunter, Insko, McAllister, Mosley, Wainwright, and Wright.

Referred to: Judiciary I.

April 21, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS REGARDING ETHNIC INTIMIDATION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 14-3(c) reads as rewritten:

"(c) If any Class 2 or Class 3 misdemeanor is committed because of the victim's race, color, religion, nationality, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or country of origin, the offender shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. If any Class A1 or Class 1 misdemeanor offense is committed because of the victim's race, color, religion, nationality, or country of origin, the offender shall be guilty of a Class I felony."

Section 2. G.S. 14-401.14 reads as rewritten:

"§ 14-401.14. Ethnic intimidation; teaching any technique to be used for ethnic intimidation.

(a) If a person shall, because of race, color, religion, nationality, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or country of origin, assault another person, or damage or deface the property of another person, or threaten to do any such act, he shall be guilty of a Class 1 ~~misdemeanor~~ I felony.

1 (b) A person who assembles with one or more persons to teach any technique or
2 means to be used to commit any act in violation of subsection (a) of this section is guilty
3 of a Class 1 ~~misdemeanor.~~ felony."

4 Section 3. This act becomes effective December 1, 1997, and applies to
5 offenses committed on or after that date.