



HOUSE BILL 224: Assault w/ Firearm on LEO/Increase Punishment.

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Analysis of:	S.L. 2019-116		

OVERVIEW: *S.L. 2019-116 amends G.S. 14-34.5 to make it a Class D felony to commit an assault, with a firearm, on a law enforcement officer, probation officer, parole officer, and an employee of a detention facility.*

This act became effective December 1, 2019, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

CURRENT LAW AND ANALYSIS: G.S. 14-34.5(a) provides that a person who commits an assault with a firearm on a law enforcement officer, probation officer, or parole officer while in the performance of an official duty, is guilty of a Class E felony (15 to 88 months incarceration).

G.S. 14-34.5(b) provides that a person who commits an assault with a firearm on a person who is employed at a detention facility while in the performance of an official duty, is guilty of a Class E felony (15 to 88 months incarceration).

This act amends G.S. 14-34.5(a) and G.S. 14-34.5(b) to make it a Class D felony for violating these subsections. A Class D felony mandates an active term of imprisonment.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act became effective December 1, 2019, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

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