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SENATE BILL 268  
PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE S268-PCS85215-RO-22

Short Title: Enhance Protection of Victims and Witnesses.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 9, 2011

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CREATE ENHANCED PROTECTIONS FOR VICTIMS AND WITNESSES  
BY ADDING AN EXCEPTION TO THE HEARSAY RULE THAT ALLOWS THE  
STATEMENT OF AN UNAVAILABLE WITNESS TO BE INTRODUCED INTO  
EVIDENCE IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND BY INCREASING THE  
CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR THE OFFENSE OF INTIMIDATING OR INTERFERING  
WITH A WITNESS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 14-226(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) If any person shall by threats, menaces or in any other manner intimidate or attempt to intimidate any person who is summoned or acting as a witness in any of the courts of this State, or prevent or deter, or attempt to prevent or deter any person summoned or acting as such witness from attendance upon such court, ~~he~~the person shall be guilty of a ~~Class H felony~~Class E felony."

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2011, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.



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