

HB 268 -- Crimes Against Criminal Justice Officials, Corrections Personnel, and Emergency Services Personnel

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This bill creates the crime of murder of a criminal justice official in the first degree when a person knowingly causes the death of a criminal justice official while the official was performing lawful duties or when the person knowingly causes the death of the criminal justice official because of his or her status as a criminal justice official. Any person who commits this crime will be guilty of a felony punishable by death unless other mitigating factors are present to justify a sentence of life imprisonment without probation, parole, or conditional release except by an act of the Governor.

The crime of assault of a law enforcement officer, emergency personnel, or probation or parole officer in the first, second, and third degree is expanded to include corrections personnel; and the definition of "dangerous felony" is revised to include the crime of assault of emergency or corrections personnel in the first degree.