

HB 980 -- Distribution of Controlled Substances

Sponsor: Hodges

This bill specifies that the offenses of distribution of a controlled substance near schools, distribution of a controlled substance near a park, and distribution of a controlled substance near public housing or other governmental assisted housing were enacted to create a safe zone around schools, parks, and certain housing and the fact that the defendant did not know he or she was in a safe zone at the time of the offense will not be a defense to the crime. These offenses will serve as an enhancement of the punishment for the offense of distribution of a controlled substance and will not constitute a separate offense.