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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JANUARY 21, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in assault, further providing for the
3 offense of aggravated assault.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 2702(a)(5) and (c)(2) and (27) of Title
7 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended and
8 subsection (d) is amended by adding a definition to read:

9 § 2702. Aggravated assault.

10 (a) Offense defined.--A person is guilty of aggravated
11 assault if he:

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13 (5) attempts to cause or intentionally or knowingly
14 causes bodily injury to a teaching staff member, school board
15 member or other employee, including a student employee, of
16 any elementary or secondary publicly-funded educational
17 institution, any elementary or secondary private school

1 licensed by the Department of Education or any elementary or
2 secondary parochial school while acting in the scope of his
3 or her employment or because of his or her employment
4 relationship to the school, or a crossing guard while acting
5 in the scope of his or her official capacity as designated by
6 a political subdivision, school entity or police department;

7 * * *

8 (c) Officers, employees, etc., enumerated.--The officers,
9 agents, employees and other persons referred to in subsection
10 (a) shall be as follows:

11 * * *

12 (2) Firefighter, including volunteer firefighters and
13 special fire police.

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15 (27) A teaching staff member, a school board member or
16 other employee, including a student employee, of any
17 elementary or secondary publicly funded educational
18 institution, any elementary or secondary private school
19 licensed by the Department of Education or any elementary or
20 secondary parochial school while acting in the scope of his
21 or her employment or because of his or her employment
22 relationship to the school, or a crossing guard while acting
23 in the scope of his or her official capacity as designated by
24 a political subdivision, school entity or police department.

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26 (d) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
27 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
28 subsection:

29 * * *

30 "Public utility employee or an employee of an electric

1 cooperative." The term includes all of the following:

2 (1) An employee of a public utility.

3 (2) An employee of a municipally owned utility.

4 (3) An employee of a cable television company.

5 (4) An employee of an electric distribution company.

6 (5) An employee of an electric generation company.

7 (6) An independent contractor or an employee of an

8 independent contractor working on behalf of a cable

9 television company, a public utility, a municipally owned

10 utility, an electric distribution company, an electric

11 generation company or an electric cooperative.

12 (7) An employee of a telecommunications carrier.

13 (8) An independent contractor or an employee of an

14 independent contractor working on behalf of a

15 telecommunications carrier.

16 (9) An employee of a telephone or telecommunications

17 cooperative.

18 (10) An independent contractor or an employee of an

19 independent contractor working on behalf of a telephone or

20 telecommunications cooperative.

21 Section 2. This act shall take effect as follows:

22 (1) The following provisions shall take effect

23 immediately:

24 (i) The addition of the definition of "public

25 utility employee or an employee of an electric

26 cooperative" in 18 Pa.C.S. § 2702(d).

27 (ii) This section.

28 (2) The remainder of this act shall take effect in 60

29 days.