

The Senate Judiciary Committee offered the following substitute to HB 541:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Article 5 of Chapter 10 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses related to judicial and other proceedings, so as to prohibit intimidation of law enforcement officers in retaliation for the officer's actions of carrying out his or her official duties; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Article 5 of Chapter 10 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses related to judicial and other proceedings, is amended by revising Code Section 16-10-97, relating to intimidation or injury of grand or trial juror or court officer, as follows:  
"16-10-97.

(a) A person who by threat or force or by any threatening action, letter, or communication:

(1) Endeavors to intimidate or impede any grand juror or trial juror or any officer in or of any court of this state or any court of any county or municipality of this state or any officer who may be serving at any proceeding in any such court while in the discharge of such juror's or officer's duties;

(2) Injures any grand juror or trial juror in his or her person or property on account of any indictment or verdict assented to by him or her or on account of his or her being or having been such juror; or

(3) Injures any officer in or of any court of this state or any court of any county or municipality of this state or any officer who may be serving at any proceeding in any such court in his or her person or property on account of the performance of his or her official duties

shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 or by imprisonment for not more than 20 years, or both.

(b) As used in this Code section, the term 'any officer in or of any court' means a judge, attorney, clerk of court, deputy clerk of court, court reporter, or probation officer.

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