

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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SENATE BILL 268  
Judiciary I Committee Substitute Adopted 6/7/11

Short Title: Enhance Protection of Victims and Witnesses.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 9, 2011

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO CREATE ENHANCED PROTECTIONS FOR VICTIMS AND WITNESSES  
3 BY ADDING AN EXCEPTION TO THE HEARSAY RULE THAT ALLOWS THE  
4 STATEMENT OF AN UNAVAILABLE WITNESS TO BE INTRODUCED INTO  
5 EVIDENCE IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND BY INCREASING THE  
6 CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR THE OFFENSE OF INTIMIDATING OR INTERFERING  
7 WITH A WITNESS.  
8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:  
9 SECTION 1. G.S. 14-226(a) reads as rewritten:  
10 "(a) If any person shall by threats, menaces or in any other manner intimidate or attempt  
11 to intimidate any person who is summoned or acting as a witness in any of the courts of this  
12 State, or prevent or deter, or attempt to prevent or deter any person summoned or acting as such  
13 witness from attendance upon such court, ~~he~~ the person shall be guilty of a ~~Class H~~  
14 ~~felony~~ Class E felony."  
15 SECTION 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 2011, and applies to  
16 offenses committed on or after that date.

