

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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HOUSE BILL 789\*  
Senate Judiciary I Committee Substitute Adopted 7/1/10

Short Title: Enhance Protection of Victims & Witnesses.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 26, 2009

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO CREATE ENHANCED PROTECTIONS FOR VICTIMS AND WITNESSES  
3 BY INCREASING THE CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR THE OFFENSE OF  
4 INTIMIDATING OR INTERFERING WITH A WITNESS.  
5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:  
6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 14-226(a) reads as rewritten:  
7 "(a) If any person shall by threats, menaces or in any other manner intimidate or attempt  
8 to intimidate any person who is summoned or acting as a witness in any of the courts of this  
9 State, or prevent or deter, or attempt to prevent or deter any person summoned or acting as such  
10 witness from attendance upon such court, ~~he~~ the person shall be guilty of a ~~Class H~~  
11 ~~felony.~~ Class C felony."  
12 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2010, and applies to  
13 offenses committed on or after that date.

