

1 months, or by a fine not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00),
2 or by both such fine and imprisonment.

3 B. Every person who, without justifiable or excusable cause
4 knowingly commits battery or assault and battery upon the person of
5 a police officer, sheriff, deputy sheriff, highway patrolman,
6 corrections personnel, or other state peace officer employed or duly
7 appointed by any state governmental agency to enforce state laws
8 while said officer is in the performance of his or her duties, upon
9 conviction, shall be guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment
10 in the custody of the Department of Corrections of not more than
11 five (5) years ~~in a state correctional institution~~ or county jail
12 for a period not to exceed one (1) year, or by a fine not exceeding
13 Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or by both such fine and
14 imprisonment.

15 C. As used in this section and in Section 650 of this title,
16 "corrections personnel" means any person, employed or duly appointed
17 by the state or by a political subdivision, who has direct contact
18 with inmates of a jail or state correctional facility, and includes
19 but is not limited to, Department of Corrections personnel in job
20 classifications requiring direct contact with inmates, persons
21 providing vocational-technical training to inmates, education
22 personnel who have direct contact with inmates because of education
23 programs for inmates, and persons employed or duly appointed by
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1 county or municipal jails to supervise inmates or to provide medical
2 treatment or meals to inmates of jails.

3 D. For purposes of this section, if an officer is off duty and
4 the nature of the assault or assault and battery is related to the
5 official position of the officer, then it shall fall within the
6 meaning of "in the performance of his or her duties" as an officer.

7 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

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