

1 HB553  
2 159164-1  
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a law enforcement  
9 officer may arrest a person without a warrant in  
10 various specified instances.

11 This bill would authorize a law enforcement  
12 officer to arrest a person without a warrant for  
13 the commission of trespass, assault in the third  
14 degree, or harassment on the property of an  
15 educational institution.

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17 A BILL  
18 TO BE ENTITLED  
19 AN ACT  
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21 To amend Sections 13A-7-1 and 15-10-3, Code of  
22 Alabama 1975, relating to warrantless arrests, to authorize a  
23 law enforcement officer to arrest a person without a warrant  
24 for the commission of certain crimes on the property of an  
25 educational institution and to further provide for the  
26 definition of "building."

27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

1                   Section 1. Sections 13A-7-1 and 15-10-3, Code of  
2 Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

3                   "§13A-7-1.

4                   "The following definitions are applicable to this  
5 article:

6                   "(1) PREMISES. Such term includes any "building," as  
7 herein defined, and any real property.

8                   "(2) BUILDING. Any structure which may be entered  
9 and utilized by persons for business, public use, lodging or  
10 the storage of goods, and such term includes any vehicle,  
11 aircraft or watercraft used for the lodging of persons or  
12 carrying on business therein, and such term includes any  
13 railroad box car or other rail equipment or trailer or tractor  
14 trailer or combination thereof. The term also includes any  
15 structure used for any purpose by an educational institution,  
16 as defined in Section 15-10-3. Where a building consists of  
17 two or more units separately occupied or secure, each shall be  
18 deemed both a separate building and a part of the main  
19 building.

20                   "(3) DWELLING. A building which is used or normally  
21 used by a person for sleeping, living or lodging therein.

22                   "(4) ENTER OR REMAIN UNLAWFULLY. A person "enters or  
23 remains unlawfully" in or upon premises when he is not  
24 licensed, invited or privileged to do so. A person who,  
25 regardless of his intent, enters or remains in or upon  
26 premises which are at the time open to the public does so with  
27 license and privilege unless he defies a lawful order not to

1 enter or remain, personally communicated to him by the owner  
2 of such premises or other authorized person. A license or  
3 privilege to enter or remain in a building which is partly  
4 open to the public is not a license or privilege to enter or  
5 remain in that part of the building which is not open to the  
6 public. A person who enters or remains upon unimproved and  
7 apparently unused land, which is neither fenced nor otherwise  
8 enclosed in a manner designed to exclude intruders, does so  
9 with license and privileges unless notice against trespass is  
10 personally communicated to him by the owner of such land or  
11 other authorized person, or unless such notice is given by  
12 posting in a conspicuous manner.

13 "§15-10-3.

14 "(a) An officer may arrest a person without a  
15 warrant, on any day and at any time in any of the following  
16 instances:

17 "(1) If a public offense has been committed or a  
18 breach of the peace threatened in the presence of the officer.

19 "(2) When a felony has been committed, though not in  
20 the presence of the officer, by the person arrested.

21 "(3) When a felony has been committed and the  
22 officer has reasonable cause to believe that the person  
23 arrested committed the felony.

24 "(4) When the officer has reasonable cause to  
25 believe that the person arrested has committed a felony,  
26 although it may afterwards appear that a felony had not in  
27 fact been committed.

1           "(5) When a charge has been made, upon reasonable  
2 cause, that the person arrested has committed a felony.

3           "(6) When the officer has actual knowledge that a  
4 warrant for the person's arrest for the commission of a felony  
5 or misdemeanor has been issued, provided the warrant was  
6 issued in accordance with this chapter. However, upon request  
7 the officer shall show the warrant to the arrested person as  
8 soon as possible. If the officer does not have the warrant in  
9 his or her possession at the time of arrest the officer shall  
10 inform the defendant of the offense charged and of the fact  
11 that a warrant has been issued.

12           "(7) When the officer has reasonable cause to  
13 believe that a felony or misdemeanor has been committed by the  
14 person arrested in violation of a protection order issued by a  
15 court of competent jurisdiction.

16           "(8) When an offense involves domestic violence as  
17 defined by this section, and the arrest is based on probable  
18 cause, regardless of whether the offense is a felony or  
19 misdemeanor.

20           "(9) When the officer has reasonable cause to  
21 believe that a person has committed a trespass, assault in the  
22 third degree, or harassment on the premises of an educational  
23 institution.

24           "(b) For the purpose of this section, the following  
25 terms have the following meanings:

1           "(1) ABUSE. Any offense under Sections 13A-6-60 to  
2 13A-6-70, inclusive, or under Sections 26-15-1 to 26-15-4,  
3 inclusive.

4           "(2) ASSAULT. Any offense under Sections 13A-6-20 to  
5 13A-6-25, inclusive.

6           "(3) FAMILY, HOUSEHOLD, OR DATING OR ENGAGEMENT  
7 RELATIONSHIP MEMBERS. Includes a spouse, former spouse,  
8 parent, child, or any other person related by marriage or  
9 common law marriage, a person with whom the victim has a child  
10 in common, a present or former household member, or a person  
11 who has or had a dating or engagement relationship.

12           "(4) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. Any incident resulting in  
13 the abuse, assault, harassment, or the attempt or threats  
14 thereof, between family, household, or dating or engagement  
15 relationship members.

16           "(5) EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION. A public or private  
17 college, university, graduate school, professional school,  
18 junior college, trade school, elementary school, secondary  
19 school, and every institution for education and training of  
20 the deaf, blind, or individuals with developmental  
21 disabilities.

22           "~~(5)~~ (6) HARASSMENT. Any offense under Section  
23 13A-11-8.

24           "(7) PREMISES. As defined in Section 13A-7-1.

25           "(c) When a law enforcement officer investigates an  
26 allegation of domestic violence, whether or not an arrest is  
27 made, the officer shall make a written report of the alleged

1 incident, including a statement of the complaint, and the  
2 disposition of the case."

3 Section 2. This act shall become effective  
4 immediately following its passage and approval by the  
5 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.