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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 305

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE OFFENSES OF AGGRAVATED ASSAULT  
AND AGGRAVATED ASSAULT ON A FAMILY OR HOUSEHOLD  
MEMBER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

CONCERNING THE OFFENSES OF AGGRAVATED  
ASSAULT AND AGGRAVATED ASSAULT ON A  
FAMILY OR HOUSEHOLD MEMBER.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-13-204(a), concerning the elements of the offense of aggravated assault, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A person commits aggravated assault if, under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life, he or she purposely:

- (1) Engages in conduct that creates a substantial danger of death or serious physical injury to another person;
- (2) Displays a firearm in such a manner that creates a substantial danger of death or serious physical injury to another person; or
- (3) Impedes or prevents the respiration of another person or the circulation of another person's blood by applying pressure on the chest, throat, or neck or by blocking the nose or mouth of the other person.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-26-306(a), concerning the elements of the offense of aggravated assault on a family or household member, is amended to



read as follows:

(a) A person commits aggravated assault on a family or household member if, under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life, the person purposely:

(1) Engages in conduct that creates a substantial danger of death or serious physical injury to a family or household member;

(2) Displays a firearm in a manner that creates a substantial danger of death or serious physical injury to a family or household member;  
or

(3) Impedes or prevents the respiration of a family or household member or the circulation of a family or household member's blood by applying pressure on the chest, throat, or neck or by blocking the nose or mouth of ~~a~~ the family or household member.