1 2 3	State of Arkansas 94th General Assembly Regular Session, 2023	A Bill	HOUSE BILL 1496
4	Regular Session, 2023		HOUSE BILL 1170
5	By: Representatives Hawk, E	vans. Jean	
6	By: Senator Crowell		
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8		For An Act To Be Entitled	
9	AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ABUSE OF AN		
10	ATHLETIC CONTEST OFFICIAL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.		
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14	TO A	MEND THE LAW CONCERNING ABUSE OF AN	
15	ATHL	ETIC CONTEST OFFICIAL.	
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18	BE IT ENACTED BY THE G	GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANS	SAS:
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20	SECTION 1. Arka	ansas Code § 5-13-209 is amended to rea	nd as follows:
21	5-13-209. Abuse of athletic contest officials.		
22	(a) A person commits abuse of an athletic official if, with the		
23	purpose of causing physical injury to another person, the person strikes or		
24	otherwise physically a	abuses an athletic contest official imm	nediately prior
25	to, during, or immedia	ately following an interscholastic, int	ercollegiate, or
26	any other organized am	nateur or professional athletic contest	in which the <u>an</u>
27	athletic contest offic	cial is participating, the person:	
28	<u>(1) With</u>	the purpose of causing physical injury	to an athletic
29	contest official, caus	ses physical injury to an athletic cont	est official;
30	<u>(2) With</u>	the purpose of causing physical contact	et with an
31	athletic contest offic	cial, causes physical contact with an a	athletic contest
32	official that is abusi	ive, harassing, or offensive; or	
33	(3) Purpo	osely creates apprehension of imminent	physical injury
34	in an athletic contest	official.	
35	(b) Abuse of an	n athletic contest official is a <u>:</u>	
36	<u>(1)</u> Class	s A misdemeanor. <u>D felony under subdivi</u>	sion (a)(1) of

1	this section; and
2	(2) Class A misdemeanor under subdivision (a)(2) or (a)(3) of
3	this section.
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