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SB 35 Engrossed

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Proposed law creates the crime of disturbing the peace in or near a place of religious worship.

Proposed law further provides that no person can petition, picket, demonstrate, protest, or assemble with other persons in, or within 50 feet of, a place of worship in a manner which intentionally and willfully disrupts, threatens to disrupt, intimidates, harasses, or interferes with any person lawfully exercising or seeking to exercise his right of religious freedom guaranteed by U.S. Const. Amend. I or La. Const. Art. I, Sec 8.

Proposed law provides that an offender will be fined \$500 and sentenced to 15 days in jail, without benefit of probation or suspension of sentence.

Proposed law defines "place of worship" as a church, synagogue, mosque, temple, shrine, or other building used regularly to conduct religious worship, education, or services.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 14:103.4)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary C to the original bill

1. Require that the disruption or interference with religious freedom be committed willfully and intentionally.