



**House Judiciary Reported Substitute for HB363**

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A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to crimes; to establish the crime of  
disruption of a worship service; and to provide criminal  
penalties for a violation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) As used in this section, the following  
terms have the following meanings:

(1) CHURCH BUILDING. Any church building, mosque,  
synagogue, or other religious real property.

(2) CHURCH PROPERTY. The area contiguous to a church  
building which is used for ingress or egress to the church  
building or any other religious purpose.

(3) DISORDERLY CONDUCT. The crime of disorderly conduct  
pursuant to Section 13A-11-7, Code of Alabama 1975.

(4) HARASSMENT. The crime of harassment pursuant to  
Section 13A-11-8(a), Code of Alabama 1975.

(5) RIOT. The crime of riot pursuant to Section  
13A-11-3, Code of Alabama 1975.

(6) WORSHIP SERVICE. The assemblage of individuals for  
religious worship.

(b) An individual commits the crime of disruption of a



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29 worship service if, during a worship service that has a  
30 scheduled starting time, the individual knowingly enters a  
31 church building or church property with the intent to disrupt  
32 the worship service and does any of the following:

33 (1) Engages in a riot.

34 (2) Engages in disorderly conduct.

35 (3) Engages in harassment of any individual participant  
36 of the worship service.

37 (4) Obstructs the ingress or egress to the church  
38 building or church property.

39 (c) An individual who violates this section shall be  
40 guilty of a Class C felony.

41 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October  
42 1, 2026.